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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Dawn Huntsinger

Hello friends and members of Morro Bay Yacht Club,

I had so much fun being *Commodore* in 2013 that I decided to do it another year. I will do my best to ensure that the standards and traditions of the yacht club will be upheld, added, of course, will be my twist on things by throwing a little fun and irreverent humor in the mix...

Please welcome a couple of new additions to your *Board of Directors* which include **Todd Hansen** as your *Rear Commodore*, **Kay Milligan** as your *Secretary*, and **Ron Giddings** as your *Junior Director*. I was very excited to learn that **John Kincade** was willing to move up to *Vice Commodore*, **Cyndy Fee** is staying on as *Treasurer*, as well as **John Michener** as *Director*. We are all very excited to serve as your 2014 *Board of Directors*!



Another exciting bit of news came to me late last year as most of my *Committee chairs* have decided to stick it out with me one more year. Hooray for these hearty volunteers! The position of *Bar Steward* is going to the team of **Stanley and Susan Craig**. Please welcome all of these hard working individuals that you see listed in the left column. This club would not run if it weren't for the time and energy spent by these folks...and more! It doesn't take an official position in the club to make you an invaluable piece of the team, and there are more of you that I can count that have offered help and guidance. So, thank you to YOU, too!

Another *Lighted Boat Parade* went off without a hitch...well...unless you don't count the postponement because of the forecasted heavy winds the week prior. But other than that it was a beautiful night with lots of brightly lit boats. Since the parade got pushed back a week, it fell onto our previously scheduled *Fleet Christmas party*. It is my opinion that everything ran smoothly as the dinner guests ate downstairs during the parade and the parade viewers stayed upstairs. It was definitely a full house, but it ran smoothly. Who knew that all those people could coexist in peace?

In addition to my regular articles this year will be a section called *Did You Know...* where I will be pointing out various By-Laws, Policy Letters, and customs that you may or may not be aware of. You can always log onto our redesigned webpage at *mbyc.net* and peruse the contents as well as sign in to the Members Only section to view the By-Laws and Policy Letters. This is also where a copy of the roster will reside. Please let me know if you do not have the ID and password to this section and I will let you know. We've tried to keep is as easy as possible to remember.

Did You Know...

Article II: Object The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to encourage pleasure boating in this area, to promote races and cruises, to promote safety and seamanship, to promote the interests of yachting in general, to better conserve and administer the property of the club, and to give its members the protection of corporate limited liability. (italics mine)

Cheers to a fun 2014,

Dawn Huntsinger, Commodore

If you don't have any deck leaks, how do you know where to store your buckets? ~Captain Larry



FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Kincade

I am very much looking forward to serving you as Vice you have questions or sugges-Commodore for the coming year. There has been so much done in 2013 to improve the club and the grounds that it may seem like there may not be anything left for me to do. With new paint, a new gangway, new furniture downstairs, new planters, new signage, the old place is looking pretty spiffy!

I would like to thank my predecessor, **Tony Gomez**, for leaving things in such great shape. But I know that there are things that need attention. Such as the pilings for the dock and deck that may need to be replaced or repaired as shown by a recent survey. Or the tarmac to the south of the building that is showing its age. I would like your suggestions if you have any ideas, from conveniences, cosmetics or maintenance issues, of any way that we could improve our club. We will of course be having our annual Work Day in a couple months, so please let me know if you see something that needs to be done and I will put in on the list.

As Vice Commodore, I will also be serving on the Budget Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee so if

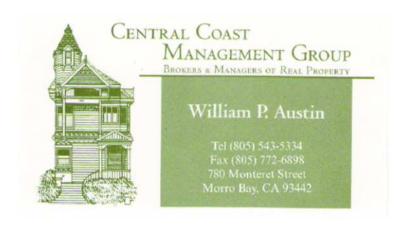
tions please let me know.

Feel free to email me at johnk@designtech-eng.com or call me at 710-3484.

Looking forward to helping to keep our club in great shape and hopefully making things even better.

Your Vice Commodore, John Kincade









FUN FLOAT

Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 a.m.

Happy Nude Year to Everyone!

Our Christmas Party on the Spit was a lot of fun. WE had blue skies and lots of sun. There were even a few Sandspit Turkeys giving us the "razz-berry" because we couldn't find them at Thanksgiving. As the ole Dodgers used to say "Wait till next year".

Our first float of the year will be on Thursday, Jan. 16th, 10:00 AM Bring nourishment and a friend

Your ever lovin Georgia Bulldog 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, Stanley Craig

@ 858-922-4777

Everyone should be contacting the other people assigned with them to coordinate the Hosting Duties.

If unable to attend, it is your RESPONSI-BILITY 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.

January 2014

- 3 Steve & Terri Reeder Matt & Adrianne 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

March 2014

- 7 Mark Brown & Julie Thomas Andy Arozena Katie Crawford
- 14 Forrest & Frances Martin Don & Glenda Boatman
- 21 Alan & Cleo Holz Roy Gammill Bill Sanders
- 28 John & Candace Kincade Robert & Laurie Fiori

Jim & Rachelle Phillips jprp@charter.net 805-771-8634



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

I have been asked several times over the years we have been in the club if I would serve as an officer but I had too many things going on when my children were younger. When youth soccer was in full swing I would not grace the doors of the club for months. Then I accepted the role as *Juniors Advisor* which is where I have been serving the club for the last two years. Now, with both my kids in college I am ready to tackle the challenge of *Vice Commodore*.

My first duty was to publish the racing calendar for the coming year. With help from **John Michener** we have been able to publish the calendar on the club's web page using Google Calendar. I would encourage everyone, not only the racers, to go check it out. It has several features that I think many will find handy. If you click on an event on the calendar it will show additional information about the event. Events on the club calendar are made up of the events of various group calendars. There is a calendar for



Ocean Fleet Races, Bay Fleet Races, Juniors, and Happy Hour. By dividing the calendars in this way it is possible to filter out or select just the one you want to review. For instance, say I want to just look at the Juniors dates and put them on my calendar. By clicking on the small blue triangle on the top right corner of the calendar you can turn off the other calendars. You then change the view from a traditional grid to an agenda view and see a list of all of the events on the calendars you have selected. In this view you can also see all the information for each event. You can print out any view of the calendar you select. If you are a Google Calendar user the Club calendar has additional advantages. On the lower right is an icon for Google Calendar with a plus sign. Click on it and you can subscribe to the calendar and have it show up on your personal calendar. Also, if you subscribe one of the calendars I have set it up to email you a reminder a week before a race or junior day if you choose. The on-line calendar is also dynamic and will change as events are added to it. If a club member reserves the club for a private function for instance, it will appear on the calendar as well.

Enough on that, what about racing? Keep an eye on the club web site for race results soon. But results only tell part of the story. For instance the results won't show that two boats found the gusty offshore winds of the *Drumstick* a handful and ended up with their masts in the water. No sooner had the chase boat deposited the first wet crew on the dock than word went out on the radio that another boat was turtled at the top of the bay. I always wanted an excuse to run the chase boat at full throttle in the bay! The boat was soon righted and secured to the chase boat. But the current was running out of the bay at a prodigious rate and the sail boat and the chase boat were being drawn out the bay just like *Oracle Team USA* last October in the *Americas Cup*. The harbor patrol brought their pumps to the scene and soon they had the second boat tied to the club dock, pumped dry. **The Krossa's** had a great month in November winning not only the *Drumstick* with their Daysailer, but the ocean fleet race with their *Holder 20*. For the Ocean race **John** was joined by **Mark Soll** and **Lex Budge**. For the *Bay Fleet races* held November 23rd there were two classes racing. The *Daysailer Fleet* was joined by the *Cal Poly Sailing Team* sailing *FJ's*. With two Junior Daysailers on the Cal Poly Sailing team (**Allison Gillum**, *Lake Washington SC* & **Keiran Hansen**, *Morro Bay YC*) we hope to see more of the team on the water this year.

For the last Bay race of 2013, *Winter 1*, conditions were light but pleasant with challenging close racing on the bay. Seven of the nine boats racing finished a race in the top half of the fleet.

Todd Hansen, Rear Commodore





Membership News

Happy New Year everyone!

If the laden-down office door is any indication of what's to come in 2014, it will be an exciting and busy year with lots of new members. There are four applications on the door this month so please take some time to peruse them and get to know who these prospective members are.

In no particular order, they are:

Richard (Rich) and Alaine Steuk who are being sponsored by **John Michener** and **Wayne Ratliff**. They live in Morro Bay and are the proud owners of a Catalina 36 (formerly owned by Bill Sanders.) Rich is a crew member for John M. and both he and Alaine are looking forward to cruising on their new boat.

Chris and Suzanne Christensen are sponsored by **Steve Nukes** and **Jeff Eckles**. They also live in Morro Bay and own a Catalina 30. Chris is very active in community events and enjoys sailing often.

Dennis and Kerry Bailey are sponsored by **Brett Cross** and **Katy Crawford**. Dennis helped in the galley this past summer for Hamburger Nights and he and Kerry own a Columbia 29 kept in the State park marina.

Chanel Channing is sponsored by Jeff Eckles and Steve Nukes. She lives in Morro Bay, is very active in the community, and owns a kayak.

Please look over your information in the club roster and communicate any changes by email, phone, or by filling out the form enclosed in this issue (page 6) and getting it to any of us on the committee.

It's looking like we'll have dual rosters this year to get started with our "transition." We'll still mail out a printed copy, but the online version will be kept updated in real time and handy for those who are away from home and don't have access to their printed roster.

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



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:	
BOAT (ADDED?) NAME:	
BOAT (SUBTRACTED?)	
SOLD TO MEMBER?	
NOTES:	

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

BAY WINTER I

Bay Winter I brought light southerly winds for race 1 which freshened and clocked to the northwest for races 2 & 3. The last race was a classic with many place changes before Carlton & Deborah overcame a poor start to finish first. Carlton later provided a headdress for the "novice" PRO. Pat & Dot Rygh provides much instruction and oversight to the PRO. Lynn Meissen and Steve Nukes crewed the safety boat and Pat Gorey set the marks. Thanks to all.

Rich Leamon, Bay Winter I PRO



Bay Winter 1 Winners Carlton & Deborah Paes deBarros



Second Place Finishers Kevin Williams, Tom Murphy & Dan Hack and Third Place Finishers Steve & Christine Borges

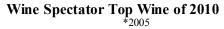


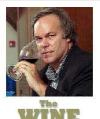




James Berry Vineyard Paso Robles 2007 Saxum

The Wine Advocate	100
Wine Spectator	98
Wine Enthusiast	95*
Cellar Tracker	100





Robert M. Parker, Jr

Much Ado about Ratings

What is all this ado about wine ratings and why should we care? The first three ratings cited above are the three most influential consumer wine rating publications. Perhaps the most influential is *The Wine* Advocate, or Robert Parker's Wine Advocate. First published in 1978 by critic Robert M. Parker, Jr., this global bimonthly wine publication which is available on-line with over 50,000 subscribers provides consumer advice on wine and in particular wine rankings. Parker is a consumer advocate and has been critical of most wine critics, who traditionally have been part of the wine industry and have had vested interests. It is Mr. Parker who introduced his rating system that employs a 50-100 point quality scale which has become nearly ubiquitous in oenophilic circles and has largely replaced the previous 20 & 5 point rating systems. For your edification, an edited summary of the Parker Wine Rating is below. The fourth rating, Cellar Tracker, is the vox populi of oenophiles, and I highly recommend this website. Should we care about ratings? Well yes and no. Any time you buy a wine it is a gamble that you will like it. The role of the critic or other oenophiles who have tasted the wine is to give you some additional information to use in placing your bet. While your taste may vary from that of the ratings, the tasting notes can also supply valuable information in selecting wines as can your sommelier. So now you know the difference between at 99 rating (yum yum) and a 50-70 (oh dear, did the cat pee in the wine decanter again?)

Robert Parker Wine Rating

96-100	A +	Extraordinary : A wine of profound and complex character displaying all the attributes expected of a classic wine of its variety. Wines of this caliber are worth a special effort to find, purchase, and consume.	
90-95	A	Outstanding : A wine of exceptional complexity and character. In short, these are terrific wines.	
80-89			
70-79	C	Average : A wine with little distinction except that it is soundly made. In essence, a straightforward, innocuous wine.	
60-69	D	Below Average : A wine containing noticeable deficiencies, such as excessive acidity and/or tannin, an absence of flavor, or possibly dirty aromas or flavors.	
50-59	F	A wine deemed to be unacceptable.	

Rich Leamon, MBYC Sommelier

Tasting is the best way to decide which wines you like best



From Your Port Captain

Happy New Year to all especially the assistant port captains whose help is most important in keeping the records accurate. Thanks to **Peter Behman, Henriette Groot, Dave Hensinger, Patrick Gorey, Gail Condon, John Dilworth,** and **Jim Phillips**.

In addition to record keeping, the port captain is responsible for the mooring field - a most interesting part of the job and one especially interesting, and distressing on Dec. 3.

On Tuesday, December 3, with the wind picking up I returned to my boat which is on a club mooring. I didn't really expect anything significant but did not want to get wet rowing. It was a very significant event. Wind and current were strong: wind sustained 29 with gusts to 36, the tide was to 6.7 at 9:09 to -1.5 at 4:28 PM and the events I describe were happening about 3:00 PM. The two forces



were in opposition, the significance of which I had been insufficiently aware. Four boats were damaged that day due to those forces.

Guayacan was riding up to her mooring; Sea Otter just south was pulling back on hers. There is no clearance under these circumstances so my bowsprit was tapping her stern pulpit causing a dent. It was minor damage because I was able to start my engine, engage and run in reverse to keep the two boats apart. While

watching this, I noticed *Katabatik* sailing on her mooring, at least I thought that was the case. Then saw that she was actually free from her mooring and being carried by current north down the channel toward the Morro Bay entrance while being pushed against boats and dock on the Embarcadero. The Harbor Patrol arrived, struggled to get her under control and towed her to safety. *Katabatik* suffered a hole in her hull, thankfully above the waterline.

Shortly after that it became apparent that *Kiskadee* and the nearby Cal-2-25 were entangled. Since I am located directly behind these two, it was difficult to see what was happening. *Kiskadee*, like *Guayacan*, was riding up to her mooring while the Cal was pulling back and had turned presenting her port stern quarter to *Kiskadee's* bow. Her bow fitting and anchor were entangled in the Cal's lifelines; the two were banging against one another causing severe damage to both vessels. Again the harbor patrol was called to come to the rescue. They disentangled the boats towing the Cal to safety at the dock. By this time I had rigged a bucket to act as a drogue and thus was able to shut down power while maintaining clearance between me and *Sea Otter*. The sun was sinking and the wind diminishing, and the tide was turning. It became a peaceful night.

There isn't 360 deg clearance around all boats on moorings at all times and with wind and current in opposite directions boats behave differently; some are water born, some air born but there are measures to mitigate possible damage. A bucket dragging behind a boat acts as a drogue and will dampen the motion. I will be reassigning some boats to different moorings to group similar boats together. When inspections are done in the summer, we will relocate some mooring blocks. And be sure to maintain your mooring lines free from chafe and kinks and of adequate size.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact me - guayacanc@gmail.com.

Lynn Meissen, Port Captain

TORO BY UN CRYCET GUB

The MYBC Juniors celebrated their holiday party on December 8th. It was an opportunity to celebrate the year's accomplishments, have some fun, and think about the year to come.

First the Accomplishments: **Audrey McClish** received the 2013 Jr. of the Year award for her solid Optimist race results and her mentoring of new sailors. Audrey has a few more years in Optis, and with her skills and focus we can look forward to her representing *Morro Bay Yacht Club* at the front of the Opti fleet in a few more regattas.

Todd Hanson received a nifty magnifying chart weight to commemorate his two years of service and stewardship to the *MBYC Juniors* program. One Junior offered this unsolicited testimonial "Todd was the best Jrs advisor ever." The Jrs enjoyed the fun, but the subsequent advisors will appreciate the organization Todd hands down.

Next the party fun: **Kit Lockwood** produced and MC'd a nautical themed Jeopardy game that had the two teams of Jrs puzzling out Port/Starboard/Windward/Leeward rights of way in the otherwise windless upstairs club. Todd provided a photo and video montage of the year's fun which included **Greg Hoag** heaving his two boys off the dock. Everyone enjoyed snacks organized by **Andrea Surfleet**.

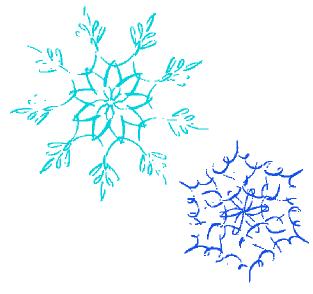
The year to come: The next Juniors day on the bay is January 26th 2014 with the focus on preparation for the Big Rock. Out of town regattas pick up in February with the Carrie (Optis) Frost (Laser) and Lopez cup.

Finally, allow me to introduce myself as the new Jrs. advisor: My name is **David Hensinger**. My son **Nathan** was a junior member before we joined the club and began racing our Day Sailer together. I learned to sail on a lake in Pennsylvania in a blue plywood optimist with yellow wooden spars that my father built. I can be reached at mbyc.jrs@gmail.com.

Dave Hensinger, Junior Advisor







Note from the Editor:

Hello Everyone! I hope you all had a safe and fun Holiday Season. Hope you are all keeping warm, too!

As we start another year, please keep in mind that any member can send in photos or an article for publication in the Masthead. Any and all contributions are welcome.

We would like to continue to do the 'Caughtcha!' column. So, if you see anyone doing/fixing, or taking care of anything around the

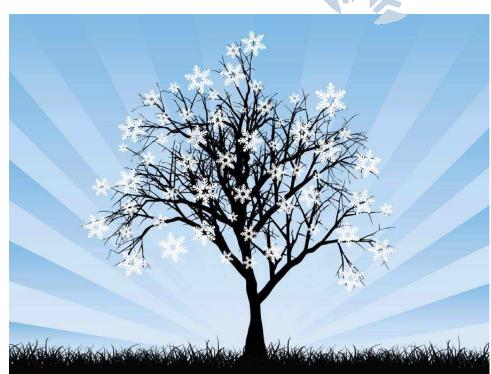
club, this is the place to give them recognition.

Let's have another great and fun year! Thank you for your continued support, I really appreciate it.

Take care and be safe in all of your activities, on and off of the water.

Barbara Edwards-Earl Masthead Editor





January 2014



Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

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

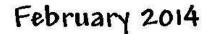
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	5	6	7	8	9	Hosts: Charles & Laura McCarrletO John Dilworth & Carole Maurer Mary Flaven	11
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	19	20	Masthead Deadline	22	23	Hosts: Harold & Elena Hartsell 24 Howard & Sandy Grisham	Winter II 25
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Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM

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16	17	18	19	Board Meeting 8:00 PM 20	Hosts: Mark & Jacque Silveira 21 Jim & Karen Clinton Masthead Deadline	Winter II 22
Juniors VVInter II 23	24	25	26	27	Hosts: Bob & Holly Smirl Lee & Bonnie Piatek	29