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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Dawn Huntsinger

Happy Spring time! The club survived another harsh winter and it's time to clear the snow, un-wrap our boats, and take down the storm windows...oh, wait...we live on the Central Coast where the sun is always shining and we sail all year long! Well, there has to be some sort of celebration to welcome in the new season, so let's prepare for Opening Day Ceremonies on Sunday April 13. I know that MBYC is known for its relaxed atmosphere, but a little pomp and circumstance is welcome here, too. This is the day that you will want to don your best nautical attire and come to the club to see and be seen, join in the festivities, enjoy the band. Come and get your fill of mimosas, deviled eggs, and brownies. Come for the ceremony, stay for parade, and then get your grubbies on because there's a bay race afterwards!



I would like to welcome our newest members, Ken and Cindy Muther. They may be new to the club, but they have been very active in our ocean races, sailing Evening tide. They come to us with a fairly new sailing background, but apparently a busy sailing schedule. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I heard that he sails 2,000 miles a year! Very impressive!

Nothing significant is on the ballot for this April General Meeting, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. but that won't stop us from giving our very interesting and informative reports. We will have a State of the Club kind of meeting. No pot luck formally planned, but don't let that stop you if anyone wants to make plans to dine together before the meeting, it's just another great opportunity to get together with old friends for a time of catching up. I am pleased to say that a Summer Sailing Chair has been chosen. Glenda Boatman is leading a very enthusiastic group of young instructors, Rory McClish, Keiran Hansen, and Shannon McClish, who are very anxious to take the lead in a very busy season of Summer Sailing. They have a calendar on Google and lots of classes set up ready to receive students. Watch for flyers, and spread the word that we will be open for business June throughout September.

Did You Know...

Policy Letter #12 Bar Use Policy

(I chose this one in tribute to the Big Rock Regatta where our local juniors teach the out-of-towners the rules of the bar.)



4. The **tiled area** of the MBYC bar is off limits to anyone under twenty-one years of age.

Seasoned Juniors certainly know their limits upstairs in the bar area. Have you ever seen one of our Junior members do the "junior lean?"

May Blessings and Smiles by yours,

Dawn Huntsinger, Commodore

*To reach a port we much set sail. Sail, not tie at anchor. Sail, not drift.
~Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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 BarbaraL.Earl@gmail.com

All submissions are subject to editing for content and space.

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE - John Kincade



The 'House Committee' members are vital to getting things like repairs, replacement or remodeling projects done around the clubhouse. And not necessarily by doing any physical labor or attending boring meetings, but by being there for such things as meeting the carpet cleaner, plumber, delivery people, etc. Peter Behman and Jim

Phillips are already members. If you would like to join this highly respected ultra-elite group, let me know and I will add you to the list.

Dock Pilings: A marine structural engineer has been hired to advise on repairs on the dock and deck pilings. We pretty much know what's wrong with them, a couple being rotted to the point of needing to be replaced or repaired, now we need to figure out what is required to fix them.

I'm not really sure yet just what will be involved in updating the structure but it seems like this will be a pretty big job.

Several times I have found unlocked doors, especially the upstairs sliders, unlocked. Please pay special attention if you happen to be the last one leaving the club.

Linsey Milligan, daughter of Kay, is now our clubhouse cleaning service, and doing a great job at it too. And that reminds me, I have been looking on Craigslist for a vacuum cleaner, but if anyone has a good working one that they would like to donate we could definitely use it. That's all for now.

*Your Vice Commodore
at your service,*

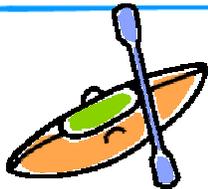
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FUN FLOAT

Tuesday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m.

Our paddle in March was just plain warm but beautiful. It kind of reminds us why we live where we do.

On Tuesday, April 15th, at 10:30, we are going paddling to celebrate Tax Day. If you feel so inclined, please share with us any kind words you might have concerning our govt.

Your ever lovin,
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 & Susan Craig @

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 2014

- 4 Jeff Eckles
Nancy Craig
Paul & Jessica Irving
- 11 John Gajdos & Elaine Giannini
David & Karen Prewett
- 18 Greg & Rosie Larson
Tom & Gail Riley
- 25 Dana Cummings
John & Gwenn Krossa

May 2014

- 2 Don & Kit Lockwood
Tom & Cyndy Fee
- 9 Gail Condon
Kevin Williams
Ken & Judy Riender
- 16 Diane Mason
John Swift
Mark & Angela Soll
- 23 Bob & Barbara Schwenoha
Patrick & Michele Gory
- 30 Mal & Julie Towery
Truman & Lauren Prewitt

June 2014

- 6 John & Jan Neiswanter
John & Judy Michener
- 13 John & Karry McDonald
Andrew & Marrie Brown
- 20 Carlton Smith & Deborah Paes de Barros
Matt & Jacqueline Piper
- 27 Jim & Bobbie Brose
Rosemary Jorgens
Russ & Sally Williams

Jim & Rachelle Phillips



FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

This month I received help with my article from Lynn Meissen who reported on the Founders Cup:

The Founders Cup started with a forecast of no wind and some swell. The reality was a little wind at the start building to a very nice day for sailing and nearly completing a course of 11 miles in 2 1/2 hours for even the slowest boats. The final problem was a big hole in the wind with the swell and chop taking control as we neared the finish line forcing two of us (Guayacan and Rejoice) to fire up the iron genny to avoid contact with MB1 (that piece of iron marking the entrance to Morro Bay). Crossing the bar was exciting as we watched a set of really big swells approach the stern, almost break, then flow under us. The MB harbor patrol boat was just inside the breakwater watching us come in and asking if others were still outside. When the entrance is hazardous HP carefully patrols the entrance to be on the spot when needed. Beauty finished first and Orion second.



Lynn also had other news to share too:

The race mark crew assembled for the final preparations to launch MBYC (the ocean mark set and maintained by the Morro Bay Yacht Club). John Michener had already cast the concrete with the embedded chain; Bob Smirl spliced the line with thimbles; Peter Behman supplied a sturdier hand truck; Ken Muther (prospective member), Rich Steuk, Peter Behman, and Dan Hack (Beauty's crew) tested the buoyancy of the buoy with its ground tackle. It floated perfectly upright. Then while figuring out how to load it on to Guayacan and make it ready to take it to sea when conditions improved, Kevin showed up, called the Harbor Patrol and asked them to do the job. Eric, harbor director, gave permission and Dana and Nate brought No 68 to the dock to load; a task easily done on the inside of the dock.

We headed out to the spot. Dana and Nate did the work-- planned and pushed it out the door. It was a swift ride back though we had to circle to race through the entrance on the back of a pretty big set of wave.

Next time you see MB harbor patrol, thank them for their very competent, good natured help.

I also received another report from the Cal Poly Sailing Team, this time from the perspective of longtime MBYC junior Keiran Hansen.:

The South 3, 4 regatta was hosted by UC Irvine at the Newport Beach Yacht Club. In college racing four sailors race in two teams on one boat, alternating between races. To facilitate this UC placed a floating dock out near the race course. It gets kind of crowded but it saves time. Except if you leave something on shore that you need, like your jib sheets. The junior team was so late to the start that they were not even called OCS but they managed to catch up to the fleet and even pass some boats. Unfortunately as they neared the finish line and the floating dock full of sailors, they capsized on a gybe. Overall Varsity placed 12th Saturday and 8th Sunday, while junior varsity placed 18th and 17th out of 21 teams. Also of note, between races Keiran met senior Arizona State sailing team member Spencer Branch, a MBYC Junior alumni who said to say hi to his former coaches Lex Budge and Ron Giddings.

In the Bay Fleet, Spring I was held March 8th. The day started out with strong gusty offshore winds. Strong enough that there were side bets being made about whether or not a staff commodore in the fleet was going to go swimming that day. The person who bet on the staff commodore staying dry won the bet as the wind tapered off and got very light. The team of Williams and Condon beat our Smith and Paes de Barros. The team of Cross and Huntsinger got off to a great start with a resounding win in the first race. The was close racing at the back of the fleet as well as sailors struggled to keep their boats moving in the light winds.

Race results are on the club web page – usually on race day. Look under Fleets on the banner.

Todd Hansen, Rear Commodore



Membership News

When you see our newest members around the club, please be sure to welcome them. This month they are:



Ken and Cindy Muther



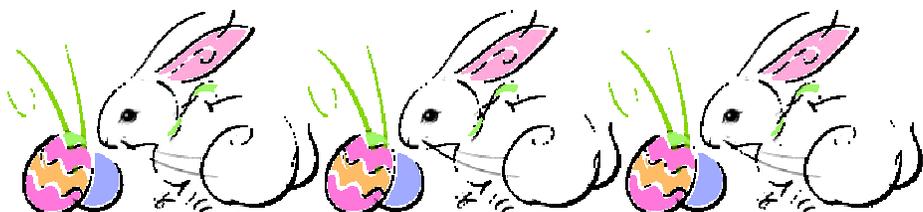
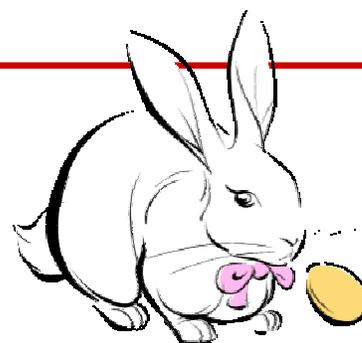
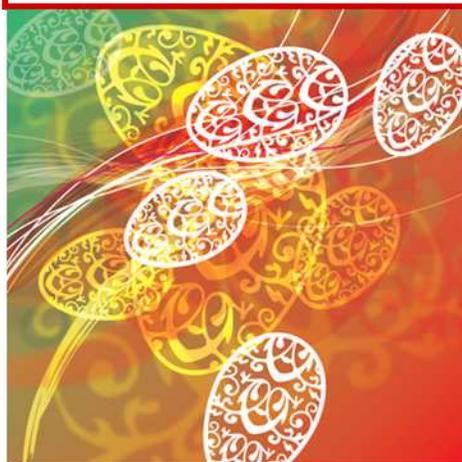
Pacific Seacraft Dana "Evening Tide"
CF 8124 TP

Within the next week or so the 2014 rosters will be out along with new membership cards. To save some postage, I'll be handing them out at Happy Hour on Friday nights, then via mail to the rest of you.

Please note that included in the new printed roster will be directions on how to access the online membership roster. There will be a double layer of security and if you are still uncomfortable about having your contact information online, please contact me or John Michener and it won't be added. The big plus to having the roster online is, of course, the ability to have it updated in a timely manner instead of waiting a year for the printed one. It will be especially convenient for those who are away and need to contact a member -- using your smartphone will take care of it. For this year, either John Michener or I will be able to make changes to it.

Your Membership Committee:

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



MORRO BAY JUNIOR YACHT CLUB



Is sailing backwards is still sailing??

The Morro Bay Jr. Yacht Club Optimist fleet spent March preparing for the Big Rock regatta.

Unfortunately, the weather was unrelentingly beautiful, with sunny skies and light winds. When the

weather did not cooperate the Juniors enjoyed picnic lunches on the sand spit, studied boat setup, and

learned about tactics and rules.

A report on the Big Rock and the juniors work day (March 30) will have to wait until the May

Masthead as the deadline is just before these events.

There is one juniors day in April (the sixth), but there are some other opportunities for racing.

That same weekend (April 5-6) the Harken #2 optimist race is hosted by San Francisco Yacht club. <https://sites.google.com/site/caloptimist/coast-news/harken1californiayc>.

Opening day at Morro Bay is April 13. The ceremonies may not hold much interest for juniors, but there is mixed fleet racing in the afternoon. That same day San Luis Yacht club holds a Lopez lake cup race on Lopez open to Lasers and Optis.

Snotter: The system of lines and blocks that tighten the sprit on an Optimist rig is called a snotter.

Dave Hensinger, Junior Advisor



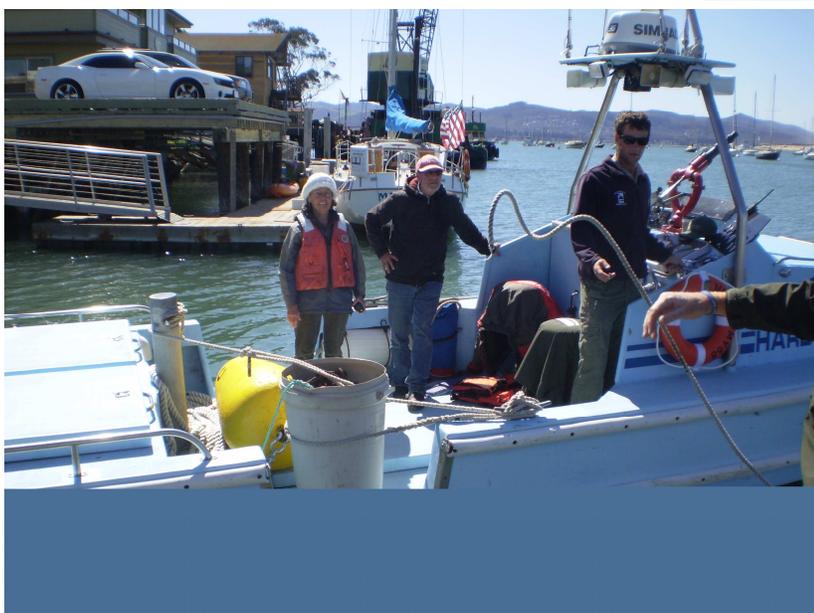
Social Activities

Sunday, April 13, is set for OPENING DAY! For our newer members, this is a day of ceremony, tradition and celebration. We wear our fine red, white and blue duds, along with bringing a food item to share. Please make or purchase a brunch appropriate (bite-sized), fruits, deviled eggs (we need a lot), sandwiches, rolls, muffins, chocolates and dips are all great! Mimosas and Bloody Mary's are for purchase throughout the morning and coffee, tea and juice will be provided by the club. Invitations have been sent to reciprocal yacht clubs, local city officials, Harbor Patrol and Coast Guard Servicemen. So, please join us for this grand ceremony that comes but once a year!



For any questions or concerns, please call me at .

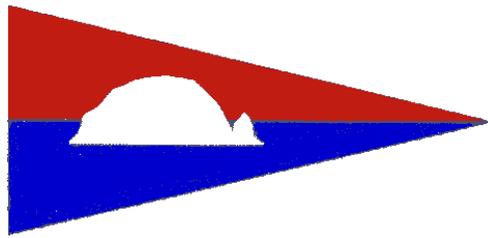
Sharon Bufo



The Ocean Fleet's racing buoy motto: If it doesn't stay, try, try and try again.

Lynn Meissen, Tony Gomez, Rich Steuk and two harbor patrolmen prepare to launch the latest MBYC ocean racing buoy.





The Officers and Directors of the
Morro Bay Yacht Club

Cordially Invite you to attend

**OPENING DAY
CEREMONIES**

Sunday, April 13th, 2014

Reception and Continental Breakfast	10:00 am
Opening Day Ceremonies	11:00 am
Boat Parade	11:45 am
Races	1:00 pm

APRIL 2014



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 TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4	5
						Hosts: Jeff Etkles Nancy Craig Paul & Jessica Irving 	Spring II
Juniors 	6	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 6:00 PM	11 Hosts: John Gaydos & Elaine Giarruni David & Karen Prevett 	12 Opening Day Race
Opening Day Opening Day Race 	13	14	15 Fun Float 	16	17 Board Meeting 	18 Hosts: Greg & Roz Larson Tom & Gail Rulley 	19
Easter 	20	21 Masthead Deadline 	22	23	24	25 Hosts: Dana Cummings John & Gwen Kross a 	26 General Meeting
Spring II 	27	28	29	30			

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*I am not afraid of storms
 for I am learning how to sail my ship.
 - Louisa May Alcott*

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				1	Hosts: Don & Kit Lockwood Tom & Cyndy Fee	2	Laser Slalom	3				
Juniors	4	5	6	7	8	Hosts: Gail Condon Kevin Williams Ken & Judy Riender	9	Spring III	10			
11		12	13		14	Board Meeting 6:00 PM	15	Hosts: Diane Mason John Swift Mark & Angela Soll	16	17		
Spring III	18	19	20		21	Masthead Deadline	22	Hosts: Bob & Barbara Schwencha Patrick & Michele Goxy	23	Lido Championships	24	
Daysailer Championships	25	Memorial Day Jack Johnson Race	26	27	28	29		30	Hosts: Mal & Julie Towery Tanner & Lauren Prewitt	31	Pirates Booty	