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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello all,

Here it is, 2015, another eventful year has passed into the books at the Morro Bay Yacht Club. We have so many people to thank for making it a fun and exciting one. As I attempt to fill some really big shoes, high heels no less, bear with me, I know this year will be full of activities and good times. Brooke and I have been members of the MBYC for the last 22 years. Over the last several years we have been focusing on other interests so have remained in the shadows, consequently there are quite a



few new members that do not know us. I look forward to changing that. It brings to mind that I know quite a few long time members that some of you may not know, as well as stories and hijinks of the past. So over the next 12 months I will be interviewing some long time members and sharing with you their experiences. I think you will find these interesting.

I had a conversation with Jean White, who is currently member number 8. She and her husband Tom White became members sometime around 1960. They raised their 3 children, Chris, Sue and Eric, around the sailing community. Tom and Jean sailed first on Lake Washington and moving to Morro Bay joined the MBYC which at that time was in a house boat at the current location and then later a small building, after a tsunami took out the house boat. Jean told me the day before the tear down of that building, all the members were invited to break down some part of the club house they always wanted to destroy. She remembers one member tossing a brick through the window. We have had good parties over the years, but I doubt that we will ever see a luau pig roast where the pig was purchased live, hung from the small boat hoist over the water to clean, and then roasted in a pit dug out in the dirt lot that is now covered with concrete and known as the tarmac. There is a photo in the club of what looks like a canoe with multiple masts and small sails sailing down the channel. Jean

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Yvonne Lazear

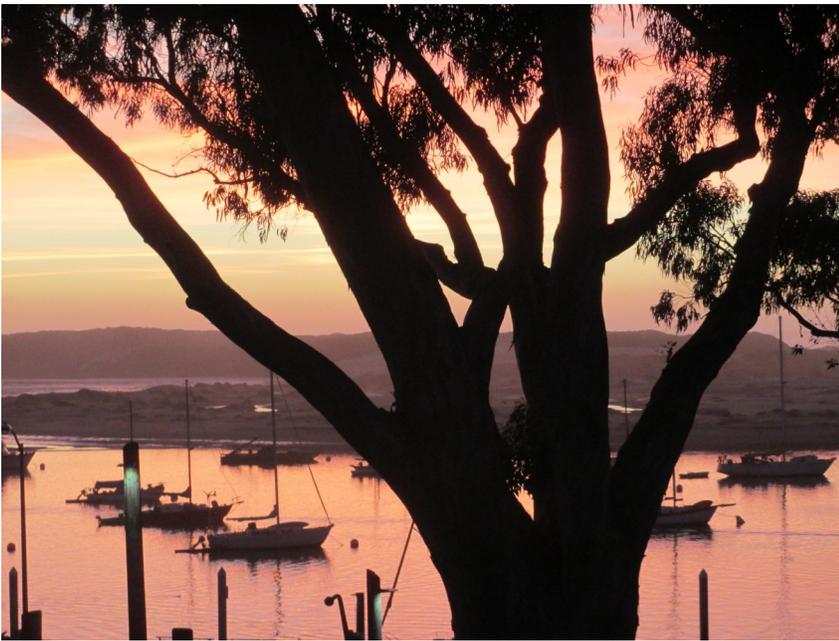
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FROM YOUR COMMODORE Cont. —John Bodine

recalls the occasion and with her help, I will be tracking down the story behind it in future issues of the Masthead.

Speaking of parties, a good time was had by all at the Commodores Ball at Windows on the Water. Great food and drinks, dancing into the night, along with a guest appearance from two members of the 60's group, the Commodores, who have aged amazingly well.

Ok on to new business. A big thank you to chair people who have agreed to stay on: Port Captain Lynn Meissen, Bar Steward Stanley and Susan Craig, Summer Sailing Glenda Boatman, Social Hour Coordinators Jim and Rachelle Phillips, Computer Don Lockwood, Library Henriette Groot, Tideland Park Kent Butler, Webmaster John Michener, and Sommelier Rich Leamon. Also a big thank you to those who have volunteered for new duties: Membership Chair Jim Phillips, Masthead Editor Yvonne Lazear, and Galley Chief Ali Athari. So far I am seeking some willing volunteers to fill the positions of Social chair, Ship's store, and Fun Float (GPP). In addition, I have asked Dana



McClish to continue as our representative in dealing with all things involving the permit processing and planning departments of the city of Morro Bay. It is very important to eliminate confusion by directing our questions through one person about such topics as the piling replacement project, the future elevator construction project, and whatever else may come up in the future. When individuals take it upon themselves, it can slow down the process and complicate it.

Again I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your

Commodore for 2015. Vice Commodore Todd Hansen has shown his love of making executive decisions, so will be there for your phone calls when pipes break and things go bump in the night. Rear Commodore Brett Cross is race ready, Treasurer Laurie Fiori will keep good track of your money, Kay Milligan will record it as Secretary, Director Ron Giddings and Jr. Director Lex Budge will keep this ship out of troubled waters. The question remaining, who will step up to the plate and fill those empty spots. If you feel it is too much to do on your own, team up with someone else. I look forward to hearing from each of you, from what I am told, it usually starts with, "Got a minute" that's ok, that's what I am here for.

John Bodine

Commodore

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

2015 has arrived and I find myself in the role of Vice Commodore. I'm still getting my arms around the job and setting up a house committee. My hope is that I can make it through the year focused on planned projects and avoid having to deal with things like flood damage or leaking pipes. We will have to see.

One of the jobs I am in charge of is the club calendar. Our new Rear Commodore Brett Cross and the Juniors advisor Dave Hensinger have helped me to enter all of the years planned events into the calendar and Jim Phillips has posted all the Happy Hours hosts for months ahead. I have posted the first six months up on the bulletin board at the club so to see the most current calendar, check it on-line at the club's web page. The calendar is set up so that you can filter the view – just want a list of Ocean races? Change to an Agenda view and turn off all the other calendars. If you would like to schedule an event



at the club you can check availability on-line and then email me your request please. I will reserve the club for you on the calendar pending formal Board approval of your Club Use Request.

As we start the year we have one major project in the works that I will carry on from last year, the repair of some of our deck and dock pilings. As I write this our plans have been submitted to the City for approval and Dana McClish is working on our waiver application to the Coastal Commission. With such a busy club calendar it will be difficult to implement the work without impacting some event, so we will all need to be patient and flexible.



The other major project I would love to bring forward to the membership this year is Ron Giddings idea to install solar panels on the roof of the club. Since the club maintains seven refrigerators our electrical bill is significant and the payback period for this project looks promising. The other project on the wish list for

later in the year would be replacement of some of the cracked concrete on the tarmac.

Want to help? I'm still setting up a house committee as I write this and I've have been counseled that many hands make light work. You can reach me this year at the email address below. Please use this address for correspondence regarding vice commodore business to help me keep things organized. I work full time so unless it's an emergency please don't call me during the work day. A text message is a great way to let me know you need to talk to me.

Todd Hansen

Vice Commodore

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

Out of the frying pan, into the fire. As most of you know I've moved out of the galley and into the Rear Commodore's spot. I mean how hard could it be to put on races for sailboats in the Bay or out in the ocean? Well after the scheduling meeting I'm beginning to think that maybe the galley wasn't such a bad place to be.

Our club does a lot of racing, and I mean a lot of racing, especially when you start looking closely at the calendar—which by the way is posted on the Club's website. The Bay fleet and the Ocean Fleet both have Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall series and Opening Day regattas. The Bay fleet also has Fleet Championships for Laser, Lido, and Daysailers in May. There is Ladies Day for the Bay Fleet and Lady at the Helm for the Ocean Fleet. The Daysailer Invitational and the Big Rock regatta for juniors bring sailors from throughout California to enjoy sailing in the Bay and the Club's renowned hospitality. This year Cal Poly will be hosting a collegiate regatta the first weekend in February. The Chis Lockwood Memorial for juniors and the Wysocki regatta are scheduled in September. The Zongo cup ocean race is planned for August. Fun events for Bay Fleet include the



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Shenanigans "race" and the Sail, Pedal, Paddle event. The Ocean Fleet is planning the San Simeon Fest in September. Then there are the one day events—Hangover, Laser Slalom, Jack Johnson, and the Drumstick. The Ocean has the O'daniels 2 Sticker, Mullen, Devlin series, and the Founders Cup. The Harbor Fest is somewhere in there as well. And then there are the away regattas which quite a few club members participate in. The San Luis YC holds the Lopez Cup and the Small

Boat cup series and of course annual High Sierra regatta.

In fact, by the time you read this article the Bay Fleet will have already completed the first of its Winter Series—which was sailed in light wind and the ever frustrating tide—and the Hangover race. Carlton Smith and the Ying to his Yang Deborah Paes de Barros bested 9 other entries in the 2 race shortened Winter I regatta. There were 3 boats vying for second with 9 total points apiece and after the tiebreakers, Gail Condon and Kevin Williams were second, third went to Simon Graves sailing Spooky Blue and Patrick Gorey out of the prizes in 4th. The results, sometimes up to the minute on race day, can be found on the website under the Fleets Tab.

So what does this all mean? Well for one, if you are interested in racing we've got lots of that. Second and most importantly, is that it won't happen without help from the members. If you are interested in being Principal Race Officer (PRO), which is the person who runs the races, for any of the Bay Fleet races or helping out on the Safety Boat there will be a sign up sheet located downstairs. I know there are quite a few people who are a bit intimidated by the running the race thing so I'm planning on having a PRO'ing clinic in January. I'll be sending the email out on the "alias" so keep an eye for the date.

I'm looking forward to a great year of racing.

Brett Cross

Rear Commodore



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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,

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.

— **January 2015**

- 2 Greg & Jennifer Barker
Ken & Mary Bradley
- 9 Tony Gomez
David Tibbitts
- 16 Ken & Cindy Muther
Howard & Sandy Grisham
- 23 John and Wendy Mitchell
Greg & Rosie Larson
- 30 Gerald & Erika Luhr
Werner & Lora Weinstock

— **February 2015**

- 6 Jeff & Nelia Wass
Marc Goldberg &
Maggie D' Ambrosia
- 13 Chris & Suzanne Christensen
Chanel Channing & Jeff Eckles
- 20 Chris & Andrea Surfleet
John & Gwenn Krossa
- 27 Steve & Teri Reeder
Matt & Adrienne Jenkins

— **March 2015**

- 6 Charles & Laura McCarren
John & Carol (Maurer) Dilworth
- 13 Gerald & Kathleen Ashenbrenner
Henriette Grott & Mary Flaven
- 20 Harold & Elena Hartsell
Chris & Lynn Helenius
- 27 Andy & Anne Brennan
Kay Milligan & Kathy Egan

Jim & Rachelle Phillips

DECEMBER 2014 FUN FLOAT—Rachelle Phillips

Presents, champagne, and paddlers, oh my!! This float was dedicated to our outgoing Grand Poo Paw, **Dick Evans**, retiring after 17 years of leading us into the wilds of the back bay.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

Roster Changes:

Please check the roster. If changes need to be made, a Roster Update Form can be found on Page 10 of the December Masthead.



Life Members

At last month's board meeting, Wayne Ratliff and Glen Renee joined that elite group of MBYC members known as "Life Members". Staff Commodore Wayne served honorably as MBYC Commodore in 2009. Be sure to congratulate him and Glennie when you see them and be sure to notice the (L) by their name in next year's club roster.

New Members

In December the MBYC Board approved the membership of Martin and Neli Mongin so when you meet them give them a warm welcome. Martin is a nurse at Atascadero State Hospital and Neli is a CalFire Engineer/fire fighter. The couple live in Morro Bay with their two children Everett and Elliott.

Contact Information

Martin and Neli Mongin

When you see Gail Condon please thank her for her years of service as chairperson of the Membership committee. I can only try to be as

well organized as Gail and half as nice during my tenure as Membership chair.

Your Membership Committee:

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

MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger

Wheel Take it From Here

December Wrap-up - The Junior Yacht club finished up 2014 with their holiday party. After tasty refreshments (thanks Gwenn Krossa and Andrea Surfleet), Kit Lockwood led the popular Sailing Jeopardy game. The juniors then split into teams for a scavenger hunt intended to lead them through the nooks and crannies of the club and its history. Questions concerning a chart of Morro Bay revealed that there is no such chart on the wall of the ladies' head. Who knew? Nathan Hensinger was then announced as the 2014 Junior of the Year. Voting for this honor was unanimous (with the Jr advisor abstaining). The panel cited Nathan's multiple fleet participation and volunteering with summer sailing.

January New Beginnings – Three juniors events occur in January. The first is to PRO the Hangover Regatta on January First. The tides on the first (According to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation calendar) will feature a very strong ebb peaking around noon. Juniors helping on deck or in a chase boat should learn regatta procedures as well as see adults dealing with some challenging conditions. There will be two more juniors meetings in January, on the 11th and 25th. The focus will be preparation for spring races, especially the Big Rock at the end of March.

Out of Town – There are several out of town regattas during January, which are listed on the Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association's calendar. <http://www.scyra.org/calendar/calendar2015>

Calendars – Anyone interested in purchasing one of the last Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation 2015 calendars featuring graphic tides of Morro Bay may contact: mbyc.jrs@gmail.com



2014 Junior of the Year, Audrey McClish passes wheel to 2015 recipient, Nathan Hensinger

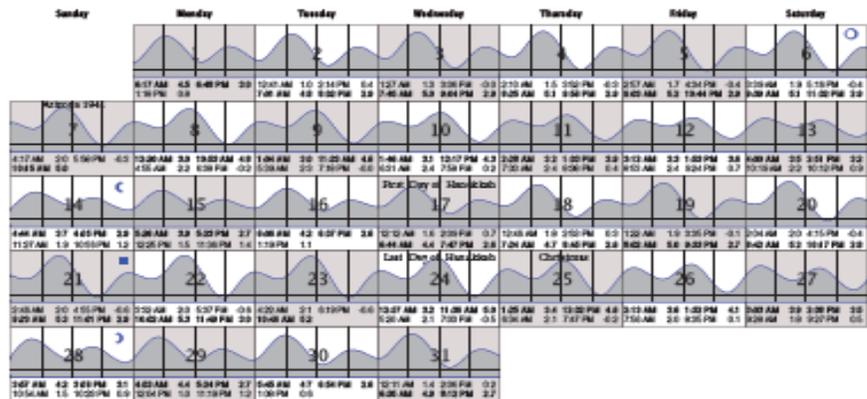
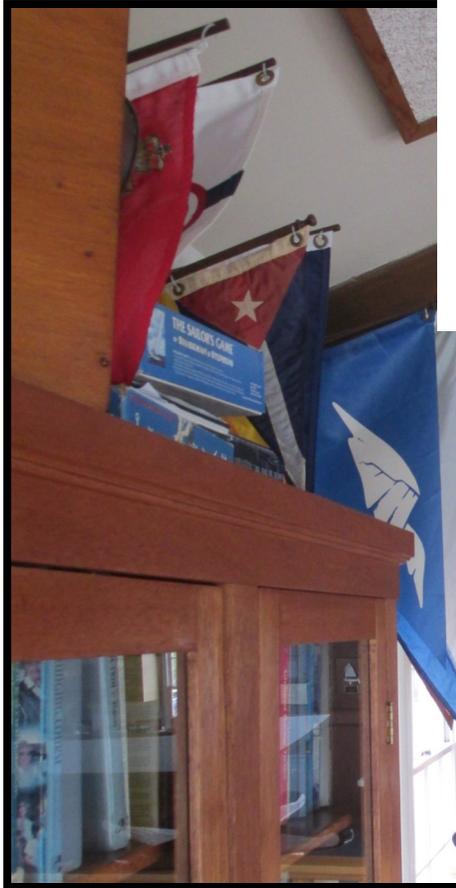


MBYC Juniors —Dave Hensinger

Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation

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Morro Bay Tides Calendar December 2014

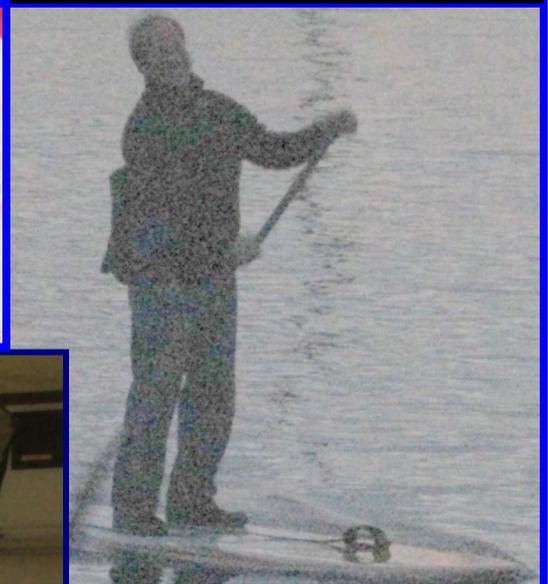


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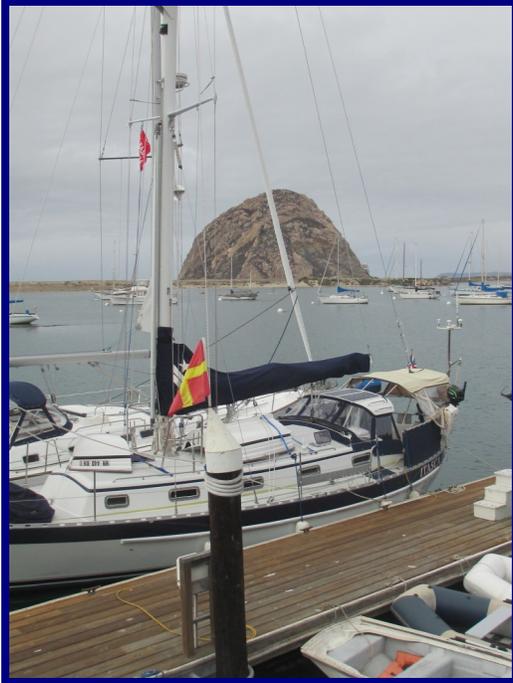


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UPCOMING EVENTS!! JANUARY 2015 CALENDAR

Bay Race- Hangover

Thu, *January 1, 2015, 10:30am – 4:00pm*
Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM Arbitrary

Bay Race Winter II

Sat, *January 10, 2015, 10am – 11am*
Winter II Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM. 4
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Portsmouth.

Juniors

Sun, *January 11, 2015, 9:30am – 2:00pm*
Meet at 9:30, Off the water at 2:00pm.
Bring a lunch, change of clothes, PFD.

MBYC Board Meeting

Thu, *January 15, 2015, 6pm – 8pm*
The meeting is open to any member

Ocean: O'Daniels 2 Sticker

Sun, *January 18, 2015, 10am – 11am*
Ocean: O'Daniels 2 Sticker.
Open to all boats with more than one mast.
Skippers meeting 10:30

Juniors

Sun, *January 25, 2015, 9:30am – 10:30am*

Ocean Fleet Winter I

Sun, *January 25, 2015, 10:30am – 5:00pm*
Skippers Meeting 10:30 AM PHRF

Happy Hour, 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Fri, January 2, 2015,
Fri, January 9, 2015
Fri, January 16, 2015
Fri, January 23, 2015
Fri, January 30, 2015