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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello sailors,

Another Opening Day has come and gone. I hope all of you enjoyed the day we spent together. A special thank you to Donna Arozena, Glenda Boatman, Sharon Brooks and Sharon Bufo for stepping in and making it happen in lieu of a social chair. That position is still open but I would like to present it in a different manner. Rather than taking on the whole year, if we could have a volunteer to take on a single event. One big one would be the Commodore's Ball. However, there are other events in the near future. The Fourth of July comes soon enough.

We should be very proud of our club, after attending six opening day events in Ventura, Channel Islands Harbor, and our sister club the San Luis Yacht Club, I can say we also kept up the traditions.

Speaking of traditions, Opening Day may seem silly on the west coast where the weather permits activities year round, however what other day can we pay respect to those we have lost in death from our sailing community? When during the year can we recall that sailors dressed as gentlemen, blazers and ties to race in? What a good reminder of how the sport of sailing began as a gentlemen's sport with courtesy an honor. In dressing up the club house and ourselves, we pay honor and respect to

the proud sailing traditions and pass them on to future generations. Additionally we show appreciation for those who do a big share of work to keep the club running. After visiting other clubs and having guests visit us, I have renewed appreciation for the importance of the social aspects of club life. These events build friendship and cooperation in a setting that is neu-



Editor's Note: Submissions and corrections to the Masthead are due by the 25th of each month. Email to Yvonne Lazear

FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine Continued

As a side note, I don't think many of us were aware of the origins of our flagstaff as we watched the Stars and Strips raised on Opening Day. Our club historian and I were privileged to have a conversation with long time, and founding members Ed Carnegie and Dev Devlin. One of the interesting things they relayed to us, was that the main part of the mast was a 6 by 6 piece of wood that some fishermen had left laying around on the waterfront, the top mast was salvaged from a sail boat, and the gaff that Old Glory flies from, the bar rail from a whore house in Eureka, California. How's that for recycling?

Back to matters that need our attention. First of great concern are the number of times the club has been left unlocked, the bar has been found with all things open even the locked key cabinet and beer taps. Perhaps even of greater concern, the galley outside door has been found ajar, stove burner left on and evidence of someone cooking on it. Last Wednesday night, one of men's room toilets was found stuffed with what appeared to be the whole box of seat liners, soaked, if it had been flushed it would have flooded. So far the key fob record only shows responsible members entering the club last, so we have to think that things are left unlocked a lot. Second of concern, the bar has been left a mess and this has been more than once. Because the glassware is supposed to be washed in a three step process it is a waste of water to wash a small number of glasses that way. So to save water and to know the barware is safe and clean, there will be plastic cups at the bar for use when it's not Friday night, or some other club function. Please use them instead of the glassware. I know it's not "green" but it's now important to save water, and also to know the bar ware is clean and safe.

I have included a flier for the Safe Boating Expo to be held in the club yard and dock on May 16th. This is not an event with the club house open to the public; however, if someone expresses interest in the club, members can explain what we are about. The summer sailing coordinator will have a booth to explain that program. The club dock will be closed that day. We hope to have the Coast Guard 47, the new harbor patrol boat, and possibly the new SLO Sheriff's boat on the dock. Of course this is all dependent on availability. The Friends of the Harbor Dept. will be serving a fundraiser BBQ. I have been asked to remind all that the mission of the Coast Guard Auxiliary is to help make boaters safe so the Coast Guard will not need to rescue them. A vessel inspection is only that, suggestion of changes to make your boat safer, they have no power to cite anyone.

Well, that's about it from me. I continue to be impressed on how many attend Friday night Happy Hour, and how many new sailors show up wanting to get more involved in the sailing community. Soon we will have a new item on the web site for persons interested in being crew, and those looking for crew. It will be nice to point them in that direction.

Happy Sailing

John Bodine, Commodore

ACTIVITIES—Glenda Boatman/Donna Arozena



We would like to send out a big **thank you** to everyone who supplied us with food, you are too many to mention.

Special thanks do go out to Dot and Pat Rygh, Sharon Brooks, Cheryl Gould, Carol Walker, Laura McCarren, Marlene McQueen, Sherrye Haynie, Andrea Surfleet, Karen Clinton, Sharon Bufo, Steve Nukes, Dave Hensinger, his son Nathan, and last but not least the Bar Stewards, Stan and Susan Craig, and Tim, for all their help throughout the Big Day.

It was a job well done by all, and apologies to anyone we missed mentioning.

Opening Day Co-Chairs Glenda Boatman and Donna Arozena

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE —Todd Hansen

Short and sweet this month. Actually, my arthritic hand is killing me tonight so it's short and cranky.

I need to remind everyone that we need to check the club and make sure it's secure and locked up when we leave. The glass doors in particular are a problem. I am working to get the exterior door to the galley fixed so it will be locked if it's closed.

We are still waiting on review by the City for our permit to repair our dock piles. At this point we will probably delay the actual work until the late fall early winter as the work will be disruptive to our enjoyment of the club.

Thank you to everyone who helped to get the club dressed up for Opening Day. The club looked great.

The bathroom fans are in transit and may even be installed by the time you read this.

If you have a boat in the yard you are responsible for maintaining the area under your boat weed free. Like the ad says -Just do it.

Please use the email address below for Vice business.

Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore, Mbyc.veep@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

Life Members: We have two new Life Members in our roster so when you see them congratulate them on their longevity as members of MBYC. They are:

Bill and Catherine Sanders and Douglas and Kathleen Lowe.

New Membership: We have one new member, and the first for 2015. He is Steve Weaver and he spends half the year in his hometown of Philippi, West Virginia and the other half here in Morro Bay. Steve was sponsored by the Clintons and the McQueens. Since he won't be back in MB until the fall you will have to wait to welcome him to the club. His contact information is:

Steve Weaver

Other news: I will soon be sending the 2015 Roster to all members via the club's "Alias" in the form of a PDF file. The file can be opened and printed but not changed unless you change the format. As new membership information arrives during the year the changes will be sent to you via the "Alias" and reported in the Masthead.



Jim Phillips, Membership Chair

FROM YOUR REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

It's always a great feeling to round the windward mark first; even better to cross the finish line first. For design racers the results are obvious; for the Ocean Fleet the results take a bit of calculation to figure out who is the winner. Ken Muther, Ocean Fleet Capt., decided it might be interesting to have a Bermuda Start for Spring I. The concept is pretty simple; the slower boats start first, and the faster boats later, based on their handicaps. Then the first boat to finish is first place; no need to wait at the dock and figure out who placed where.

A couple of things can cause the best laid plans to go not so well. And when it comes to sailing the one element that can skew the best plans is the wind, and in the case of Spring I, a not so cooperative wind. Seven boats headed out of the harbor, but steep chop along with the lack of wind at the start had some boats finding they had to call it quits early



as they were unable to get much beyond the starting area and out beyond the doldrums into any breeze.

I think I'll let Ken's email synopsis sum up the day, "High Five did finish the course in an elapsed time of 2:49:53 but was slowed for the last half mile at the finish. Guayacan was close behind but hit calm and could not cross the finish line. Whizbang and Liona Kai never got far from the start line and quit. All other boats managed to leave the start line but were later forced to quit due to poor sailing conditions."

Opening Day for the Ocean Fleet saw five boats on the line with John Krossa's giant killer Holder 20; "Fear Knot" besting the Lee Piatek's J 130; and "Beauty" with Rich Stuek's "Synergy" 3rd.

Spring I for the Bay Fleet found Kevin Williams and Gail Condon besting a fleet of nine boats ahead of Deborah Paes de Barros consummate crew of Carlton Smith 2nd, with 3rd overall going to Steve Borges and Chrissy Osborn. The 3rd race decided the overall results as Williams and



REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross Cont.

Smith were tied in points with a first and second scores for each. The third race was won by the team of Williams/Condon with Smith/Paes de Barros not finding the same magic and placing 5th. Borges/Osborn sailed a great race and were first to the finish horn. Borges/Osborne were also tied with the Hansen's for 3rd going into the last race but Borges' bullet put them into a solid 3rd place with 8 points two clear of Hansen.

Sunday's Opening Day Bay race found eight boats on the line for some great racing. An outgoing tide resulted in boats On the Course Side (OCS) at the start and not returning to clear themselves after the individual recall horn, and flag were displayed. No horn at the finish was the result. The Smith/Paes de Barros team sailed a perfect 3 races, followed by the Borges/Osborn team 2nd overall, and 3rd overall going to the Hansen's.

For all the results check out the MBYC website under the Fleets tab and the Ocean or Bay Fleet results.

The Bay Fleet will be racing April 25th with the Ocean Fleet going out Sunday the 26th for Spring II. The Ocean Fleet Spring III will be on May 17th. The ever popular Laser Slalom event is scheduled for the first Saturday in May. Fleet Championships for Laser and Lido is scheduled for Saturday May 23rd. Day-sailer Fleet Championship will be the next day, Sunday May 24th. Ladies Day will be held the next Saturday, May 30th, and Lady at the Helm Ocean Race the next day, Sunday 31st. Check the MBYC Calendar for all upcoming events.

See You the Water.

Brett Cross, Rear Commodore



MYBC HISTORIAN —Andrea Surfleet

The Jack Johnson Memorial Race is May 25th, and with it brings a mystery: Who was Jack Johnson?

The 1971 club directory offers very few clues: "Trophy donated by MBYC Executive Board in 1966. Trophy to be awarded to the winning skipper for the race to be held on Memorial Day of each year and open to MBYC members only. Race to be sailed in El Toro Sailboats."

Better information can be found in club documents. Charter member Ken Jenkins wrote in his memoirs: "Soon after we bought the Berkemeyer place, an older gentleman stopped in. He was clean, polite, and neatly dressed. Very cordial. He hung around a lot and became the official welcomer, like a full time Port Captain. None of us ever knew much about him. Well, one day he wasn't there. Somebody found out he had died. We were all devastated! We really missed him! Thus-the trophy. I don't think he was even a member, just REMEMBERED."

Was he a member or soon to be? He is listed in the minutes as being amongst the members present at the April 2, 1965 board meeting. That evening, the Commodore directed that letters be written to Barney Pikes and Jack Johnson thanking them for their work in constructing the bar. (Not in the current clubhouse.)

He must have been both knowledgeable and spry. In an article written to club members in July or August of 1965, he was selected among many to join a group of five to help board and return a schooner stranded at night near San Simeon. With engine troubles and no wind, the visiting skipper gathered the crew from the beach in his dinghy. They became drenched as he rowed them through the surf.

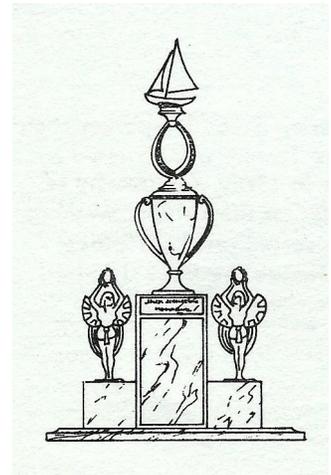
He died on August 31, 1965. His obituary from the SLO Telegram-Tribune states: "Jack H. Johnson, 61, a Morro Bay resident for six months, died Tuesday in a San Luis Obispo hospital following a short illness. A member of the Morro Bay Yacht Club, Johnson was born in London on July 19, 1904. He was an electronics engineer at Edwards Air Force Base for ten years." His survivors included a son and grandchild.

No record remains of the Board's decision to honor him. A 1966 race calendar simply states, "September 5th: The Jack Johnson Memorial Trophy Race -- open to single sail prams -- members only." That first race of El Toro's (8 ft.) was won by Ed Carnegie. The 1967 race calendar states, "September 4th: Jack Johnson Memorial Race -- members only sailing dinghies."

A quote from an unknown source in the 1990 club directory says, "Jack Johnson was a good friend of the Yacht Club in the early 60's. An elderly gentleman whose sailing days were long gone, he charmed one and all with his sea stories and his delightful humor."

Mystery solved! This May 25th, as you fold yourself into a 'single sail pram', take time to reflect upon a man who was honored not for his racing skills, but for his charm.

Please send stories, questions and corrections to Andrea Surfleet at mbyc.history@gmail.com.



Drawing of Jack Johnson Memorial Race Trophy



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Saturday May 9th

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541 Embarcadero, M. B.

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FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

Come join us on Tuesday, May 5th, for our next Fun Float and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Meet at the Club at 10:30, bring lunch, and Pat & I will do the beverage for all.

The Fun Float on Friday, April 17th, was a quiet float in the midst of the Velella velella (by-the-wind sailor) except for a big bull sea lion which with a loud roar and a lunge in her direction kept Carol Walker at attention. He must have communicated with the seals in the bay because two came right up to her kayak for a better look. The sea otters kept their distance this time, and we had great sea life activity for our paddle. CU



By-the-wind sailor Velella

Dot Rygh
Grand Poo Mah.

PORT CAPTAIN - Lynn Meissen

The transients will be coming soon, so demand for dock use which is high now will be getting higher. To accommodate a maximum number, please ask all (member and guests) to keep the boats on the dock near the north end, and as close together as safe or about 2-3 feet. Our guests are usually very cooperative.

About the backyard, thanks to all who helped cut and haul the ice plant, especially the Vice Commodore who was here after work for several evenings. Since that job is done, it is time to deweed your spot. I will send reminders as necessary.

Also please remember that things may be stored under, or on top of your boat, but not beside it, if that increases your footprint.

SOMMELIER NOTES—Rich Leamon courtesy of Steve Autry

Hey Steve... Ask the Winemaker

Q. Hey Steve, what's that big bump in the bottom of the wine bottle?

A. The indentation on the bottom of the wine bottle is called a punt, which leads to the question, What's it for? And the honest answer is I really don't know for sure, and nobody else seems to either. There are several schools of thought, one of the most prominent being that it's a holdover from the days when bottles were handblown. Others say it's there to give sediments in the wine a place to collect, but being as the bottles are stored on their sides or nose down, that doesn't make much sense to me. The one that makes the most sense to me is that it's related to the champagne bottle, where the curvature in the bottom transfers the stresses in the glass to the edge where it's the strongest when the bottle is pressurized, making the whole bottle stronger. A punted bottle versus a flat bottom has always denoted quality in the mind of the consumer, and a punted bottle is also more stable and less tippy than a flat-bottomed bottle. Personally when I'm handling bottles on the bottling line and in subsequent labeling operations, it's a convenient kind of a tooling mark if you will—it makes the bottle easier to work with. I can stick a finger in the punt and spin the bottle around, giving it a quality control once-over, just a better way to get hold of the bottle. That's about all I know. So, Why is it there? I don't know, just because it is. It makes the bottle pretty.

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MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger**Come What May**

Pirate's Booty May 9th - The Pirate's booty nautical swap meet, rummage, and bake sale is May 9th from 9:AM to 1:00 PM. Seller's tables are available for a modest donation. For additional information or to arrange donations contact Dana McClish at 471-1235 or mbyc.jrs@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation. Donations are tax-deductible.

One April Shower and Finally Wind – The second Juniors' Day of the month on April 12th provided some glorious and season appropriate conditions for the Opti and Laser sailors on the bay. There was finally enough wind to allow the Opti sailors to practice hiking. They also learned how much colder it is on the water compared to the club deck.

Meetings in May - The juniors have scheduled meetings May 3rd and 31st. After the build up to the Big Rock in March, the Juniors' Fleet has been gaining experience with longer cruises around the bay.

Bay Racing in May– There are two upcoming opportunities for juniors to race on the bay. Laser sailors can participate in the **Laser Slalom May 2nd** at the club. And then on **Memorial Day May 25th** the **Jack Johnson** takes place. Last year this was run in Optimists with multiple heats pitting adults against juniors. (J.T. Krossa showed the adults how it is done in 2014.) The format is likely to be similar this year.

Summer and "Learn to Sail" is on its way - The Junior Yacht Club is open to anyone between the ages of 8 and 21 who has sailing experience. A fun and affordable way to get that experience is to participate in the "Learn to Sail" program offered through the Morro bay yacht club. Contact information for "Learn to Sail": (805)772-3981.

Any juniors who would like to attend an out-of-town race and use a club Optimist or Laser should contact the junior advisor mbyc.jrs@gmail.com

MBYC JUNIORS April Big Rock Regatta



Safe Boating Expo

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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.

— **May 2015**

- 1 Andy Arozena
Katy Crawford
Forrest & Frances Martin
- 8 Richard & Elaine Steuk
Alan & Cleo Holz
Roy Gammill
- 15 Dana Cummings
Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown
Nancy Craig
- 22 Paul & Jessica Irving
Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day
- 29 James & Anna Johnston
David & Kim (Shollenberger)
Hensinger

— **June 2015**

- 5 Bill & Catherine Sanders
Brett Cross
- 12 Pat & Dot Rygh
Don & Kit Lockwood
- 19 Mark & Angela Soll
Gail Condon
Kevin Williams
- 26 Ken & Judy Riener
Truman & Lauren Prewitt

— **July 2015**

- 3 Mal & Julie Towery
Justin & Crystal Bradshaw
- 10 Tim & Leah (Bailey) French
John & Elaine (Giannini) Gajdos
- 17 Tom & Maggie McEwen
John & Karry MacDonald
- 24 Dave & Karen Prewett
Tom & Gail Riley
- 31 Patrick & Michele Gorey
Andrew & Marrie Brown

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May 2015



May 2015  Junior Races 9:30 AM  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
					Membership 1 Hosts: Andy Arozana Katy Crawford Forrest & Frances Martin	Travel: Cinco De Mayo 2 9:30 Laser Sialom
3 Travel" Cinco De Mayo 	4	5	6	7	8 Hosts: Richard & Aline Steuk Alan & Cleo Holz Roy Gammill	9 8am Pirate's Booty
10 Mothers' Day	11	12	13 6:30pm Rules Clinic	14	15 Hosts: Dana Cummings Mark & Julie (Thomas) Brown Nancy Craig	16 Travel: Lake Yosemite Boating Safety Day
17 Travel Lake Yosemite  Big Brothers Big	18	19  Board Meeting 6:15PM	20	21	22 Hosts: Paul & Jessica Irving Candy Botich & Kevin O'Day	23 9:30 am Laser & Lido Fleet
24 	25 Memorial Day Newsletter Input Jack Johnson	26	27	28	29 James & Ama Johnston David & Kim (Shollenberger) Hensinger	30 8:30am Ladies Day
31 						