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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors,

Its summer can you believe it! The time of year we always look forward to. By the time you read this we will have enjoyed Persian Night and a few Wednesday hamburger nights. Please sign up to help with hamburger night, it only works when there are helping hands. Next month check the calendar for the Zongo Cup event. Before that happens, are you prepared for the possibility of your GPS going dead either on its own or due to a shut down of the satellite system? If a government shut down for security purposes, a second GPS unit will not help you. Later in this issue read how you can refresh your knowledge of chart plotting and dead reckoning or learn to use it for the first time.

Brooke and I got a jump on summer, spending two weeks in the Caribbean with our good friends Sarah and GB Bucknell, members of MBYC since 1981, and now life members. This was a long way to go for this month's interview, but sure was fun. Some of you remember these folks as long time members of our club, or as ocean racers with a punishing PHRF rating of 228, on their beautiful Hinckley Pilot 35. Check out the photo on the history wall in the club house; in my opinion, one of the most beautiful boats to grace Morro Bay. A boat has to serve the purpose a sail-

or has it for, and as their goal of cruising became possible, it was time for a different boat. And so after sailing many years on Heron with Sarah's father and later GB, Heron was sold. Enter a new boat; a very capable fast cruising boat, the Norsman 447 named by them" Djarrka". Where does that name come from? I believe that

it is a mythical aboriginal character, but if you Google it you will find more references to the travels of our friends than anything else. Acquiring Djarrka on the east coast, their journey began in Connecticut heading first to the Caribbean in 1995. In 2001 their circumnavigation began, and by the year 2009 they had crossed their path off the small Caribbean island of Bequia. Traveling 3300 nm. across the pacific, 2800nm. across the Atlantic, both in a fast passage of 17



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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine Continued

days each. In 2011 once again it was time for a change, sell the boat, build a house and settle into life on St. Croix USVI. Now as any sailor knows boats are addictive, we just can't be without at least one. Enter the Beneteau 32, also now named Djarrka. A very nice size boat for travel in the Caribbean.

Brooke and I were able to complete a circle of a different kind with Sarah and GB. That journey began the day after Thanksgiving back in 1992 when, thanks to Sarah, we met at the yacht club on a blind date. We were honored to have them witness our exchange of wedding vows on the beach in St. Croix. We also were able to sail with them to the BVI, warm water snorkeling, swimming with the turtles and the pleasures of warm weather, warm water sailing.

I have included some photos with this article, showing the MBYC burgee behind us in the St. Croix Yacht club, Our

"wedding on the beach" photo, our friends Tom and Millie Johnson standing with the four of us in the photo who are also world sailors. As a side note, Tom pioneered the sinking of decommissioned Liberty ships as artificial reefs in the Gulf of Mexico, having discovered the fishing potential while scuba diving under the oil platforms, a story in self. A photo Sarah and GB on Jost Van Dyke. in front of the infamous Foxy's.

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John Bodine, Commodore



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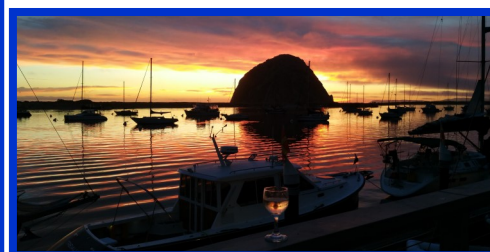
FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine Continued

Last minute news: Persian night a big success. Any time you have a third of the membership at an event you can't help but call it a success. A huge thank you to Ali Athari, our very capable Galley Chief, and his helpers Sharon Brooks, Brooke Townsend, Carol Vogt, Roy Gammill, Joe Huntsinger, Joe Fram and Bonnie Birch, Robin Wessman-Volpe, and Jim and Yolanda Pederson; some of who worked for two days prepping food under Ali's direction. I may have missed someone



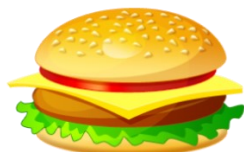
for that I am sorry. A big thank you to Ali's kitchen cleanup crew including his son and other helping hands whose names I do not have. Thanks to the bar tenders Susan and Stanley Craig and Tim Volpe. As they say a picture is worth a thousand words, so here are a few of the evening. Many of you said

lets do it again, so any ideas and help organizing would be welcomed by all.



Burger Nights are Back!

Wednesdays in July is the time for Burger Night!



The Galley will be opening at 5:20PM and the last order will be taken at 6:45PM every Wednesday. We'll have the all the same fixings from last year, plus some special items like Buffalo burgers with a special sauce. I'm looking forward to Great Wednesday Burger Nights in July!

Ari Athari, Galley Chief

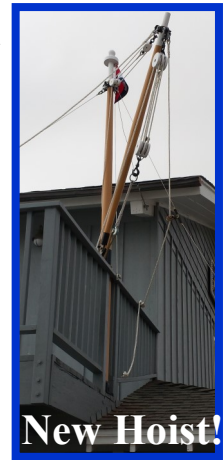
FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

In my post I think no news is good news. Fortunately there is not much to report. We received comments from the City for our permit to repair our dock piles. We need to add some notes and re-submit the plans. The barge with the crane is out of town for a while so we are in no hurry.

If you have not noticed the bar hoist is installed and looking very nautical. I have not heard a report yet on how functional it is, but it looks great.



I just read this week that after you are 50 you need twice as much light to see as when you are 30. As the Coast Guard Auxiliary is going to use the club to teach a navigation class involving charts with very fine print, we are working to increase the light levels upstairs for the class. They will still be on a dimmer so they be able to be dimmed as desired, but they will be able to be brought up brighter than they are now. At least that is the plan. Because it involves LED bulbs it will save electricity too. The only worry is the age of our fixtures – some of the globes are starting to crack with age. Replacement fixtures are available but I’m trying to postpone that expense.



We have a broken fence post in the yard. I’d love it if someone would be willing to take on that project and set a new post.

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.

Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore

REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

The last weekend in May was reserved for the Club’s women to show their stuff--- No, not that kind of stuff, their sailing kind of stuff. Saturday’s Ladies Day event started with a great breakfast whipped up by Joe Huntsinger and myself. The White Perpetual Women’s Trophy is awarded annually to skipper and crew winning the women’s only races and was donated in 1985 by Jean and Tom White to give recognition to women sailors. Jean White came for breakfast along with Rosemary Jorgens to watch to the Ladies Day race. Unfortunately, there were more obligations among the women who participate in the Bay Fleet and only one team was able to be fielded. It was decided to try for another weekend and enjoy a great morning at the Club.

Sunday’s Lady at the Helm race was however a different story. For one, there wasn’t breakfast served, but secondly there were 5 boats competing. “Beauty”, “Guayacan” skippered by Lynn Meissen, “Liona Kai” skippered by Gail Johnson, “Ola Querida” skippered by Kerry Bailey , and “Good News”



REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

skipped by Marie Sargent. A good woman is hard to find, and Beauty found three different women to get behind the wheel of the black J130. No, not all at once but during the race. Three against one proved to be too much for the other boats with "Beauty" first followed by "Guayacan" 2nd, and 3rd going to "Liona Kai".

The Ocean Fleet was back at it June 7th for the annual Mullins Ocean Race. The John S. Mullins Trophy was presented to Club in 1983 by Marion and Lucille Mullins to commemorate their son, John. The trophy is open to all sailboats regardless of yacht club membership. Four boats all from the MBYC participated in this year's event with John Krossa's Holder 20 "Fear Knot" correcting out a few minutes ahead of Lee Piatek skippering "Beauty". They were followed by John Michener, "Whizbang" and Lynn Meissen "Guayacan".

The Bay Fleet completed their Spring Series races on Saturday June 13th. The Seager Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros who consistently scored at or near the top of fleet for all three races. Second for the series went to Steve Borges and Chrissy Osborn. The current trophy was donated by Paul Seager in 1973 to replace the original Seager trophy which mysteriously disappeared. So if you happen to have forgotten to return said original trophy could you kindly bring it back, no questions asked.

Summer has arrived, not only because it said so on my calendar, but the Summer Series for the Bay and Ocean fleets just commenced. The Bay Fleet sailed Summer 1 on Saturday June 27th and the Ocean Fleet followed the next day with their series. There were a total of 13 boats for the Bay Fleet race, which made for some exciting starts. However, not one General Recall which was pretty amazing. Sailing in the bay is always challenging with the moored boats, tides, and sometimes shifty winds and Saturday was no exception. A huge wind "hole" on the way to the top mark in races 1 and 2 caused some serious consternation among the fleet as the "winds of fate" played their hand. Some found good fortune; others a losing hand. In the end Carlton Smith and Deborah Paes de Barros came out on top with 1,1,2 finishes followed by Dawn Huntsinger and yours truly with 3,3,1 scores, and Tom and Cindy Fee with 2,2,6 scores. Given the number of boats, awards



Chrissy at the helm

were also given to B Fleet boats with Bob Schwenoha 1st, Stanley Craig 2nd, and Joe Fram 3rd.

Hot off the presses as I'm writing this, Summer 1 for the Ocean Fleet results were just posted online at the MBYC website and Lynn Meissen skippering "Guayacan" put the big blue Alden schooner into first place, with John Michener's C&C 33, "Whizbang" second, and Lee Piatek skippering "Beauty" third.

The Bay Fleet has until July 25th to make improvements to their boats and themselves as Summer 2 is a ways off. The break in the schedule was to allow for the Annual High Sierra Regatta but the drought has taken its toll for the second year in a row and the event was again cancelled. The Ocean Fleet will find no such respite with Summer 2 scheduled for Sunday July 19th.

As always, see you on the water.

Brett Cross, Rear Commodore



Cruising Fleet Captain — Paul Irving

7th Annual Zongo Yachting Cup - August 14, 2015

Most of you have either participated in, came to the after party, or have heard of our biggest ocean race - The Zongo Yachting Cup. Please join us on Friday, August 14 for a fantastic day on the water and a BIG party at the finish line.

What's the same? Same course - Morro Bay to Avila Beach. Same Classes - PHRF, Cruising Class (anything that floats), Beach Catamaran, Outrigger Canoe, SUP (Stand up Paddle). Same great party (except bigger!)

What's different? We're making the party BIGGER at the finish line. Many of you have noticed that the San Luis Yacht Club is packed that evening. To help alleviate the congestion, we are moving the race headquarters to the banquet room underneath Mr. Ricks. This is a nice 200 person room and will be staffed with a full bar. Racers are welcome to the San Luis Yacht Club as well, but the new location will provide a nice lounge to rest up. Another recent development is the recent closure of the Avila Pier. We typically anchor north of the Avila Pier with taxi service to the Avila Pier. I am investigating our options for anchoring / mooring / coming ashore, so please stay tuned as I navigate this situation.

Online registration will soon be available on the Morro Bay Yacht Club web site. If you have any questions or input, please call Paul Irving at (805) 441-3344 or at paul@baysidelife.com

Looking forward to a fantastic day on the water with you all. Hope you can make it. Cheers!

Basic Coastal Navigation — Brian Jalbert

MBYC will be hosting a six week long class on Basic Coastal Navigation, aka "Piloting", taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary with our own Brian Jalbert as the lead instructor. The course starts on 20 July and will be offered on six consecutive Mondays at the club from 630 -900 PM. This is a pencil and chart type course, NOT electronics based. Topics covered will be the basics of latitude longitude, marine compasses and charts, correcting and uncorrecting courses, measuring distances, plotting courses and locations, solving speed-time-distance problems, and using charting instruments. Fees for the course are \$75 for MBYC members and \$90 for the general public. Class size is limited to 12 so reserve a seat early, as we anticipate the class will fill quickly! Contact Brian at bnjalbert@gmail.com for more details or to sign up.

Also US Coast Guard Station Morro Bay conducted a change of command ceremony 19 June to install Chief Boatswain's Mate Joseph

"Jay" Nilles as the new Officer in Charge. BMC Nilles, who holds the elite Surfman designation, has been in the Coast Guard since 1993 and was assigned as Executive Petty Officer at Station Umqua River, Oregon before receiving orders for Morro Bay. He is joined here by his wife, Erin, and their two children, seven year old Zakary, and a daughter, age two. BMC Nilles will be joining us at the club for happy hour in the near future, so please say "Hello," and make him feel welcome.



SOMMELIER NOTES—Rich Leamon courtesy of Steve Autry

Hey Steve... Ask the Winemaker

Q. Hey Steve, What does “cold stabilization” mean?

A. Cold stabilization is basically something we do to keep white wines looking clear and pretty in the bottle. White wines typically have a naturally higher acid level than reds, and as a result the acid is near its saturation point, or the point where the wine just can't hold any more. When white wines are chilled in a refrigerator, the saturation point is lowered, reducing the amount of acid that will stay in the wine; oftentimes this puts the acid level higher than what will remain in the wine at those cooler temperatures—therefore it precipitates out of the wine as little crystals at the bottom. Virtually all wines will do this naturally at some point in their lives if we don't take some steps to stabilize the wine prior to bottling. For us, it's a purely esthetic thing, but some people are afraid that there's broken glass or sand or other things in their wine when it's a purely natural product.

In the precipitation process, tartaric acid binds with potassium, the natural salt in the wine, and it falls out as potassium bitartrate, better known as cream of tartar. (In fact wine lees are the primary source of cream of tartar for the confection industry.) By prechilling the wine prior to bottling and holding it at temperatures as low as 28 degrees for a few weeks, any excess acid will fall out of the wine and thus the wine is now “stable” after that treatment. Therefore, when it's bottled and put in somebody's fridge and chilled, it's already stable and no crystals will drop out.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

New Members: We have new members to Morro Bay Yacht Club. When you see them please give them a warm welcome. They are sponsored by John & Carole Dilworth and Dick & Charlene Evans. Their contact information is:

Jon & Joan Nackerud

MBYC Roster Changes:

Jeff & June Jones: New address, email and phone:

Robert Kile: New address

Gary Granneman: Email correction



From the Membership Chair

Please look to the MBYC “alias” for your copy of the Masthead and Club Roster. If you missed it, drop me an email and I will send you a copy.

We have two prospective members in the pipe line. If you see Ken and Sandi Twist (sponsored by Brian Monroe & Stanley Craig) and Brian & Marie Moore (sponsored by Lynn Meissen and Tony Gomez) introduce yourselves and extend to them a warm welcome.

If you know folks interested in the club please give them a MBYC General Information sheet available upstairs.

Jim Phillips, Membership Chair

MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger

Summer's Here



Kai, Noah, and Perry have a snack on the spit

Welcome Aboard

The summer sailing program has been running for one week at this time. It has already added two new Jr. members, Cash (14) and Wyatt (12) Marchant. They are keen to get on the water and expand the Laser and Optimist fleets.

Past Meetings

The Juniors met twice since the last Masthead. During the May 31st meeting Noah Wright moved up to Lasers for the first time and practiced starts with the rest of the Jr. fleet. Although Lasers may seem cramped for some adults, for a junior sailor who has outgrown an Optimist they provide a new level of comfort and control. The same meeting included Fianna and Blythe Wilde tearing up the bay in a Daysailer.

These twin sisters have a way of working together that could make them an excellent small boat sailing team. The June 14th meeting had perfect sailing weather. Pari Sterling showed exceptional grit asserting her rights on the line against a small laser fleet.

Upcoming

The juniors will meet on the 12th and 26th of July. With new junior members coming from the summer sailing program there will be work on the racing rules, starting sequences, and lunch on the water.

Jack Johnson Correction

My apologies to Joel Surfleet. It was Joel and not Chris who captured the Jack Johnson trophy.

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 or gboat-manmb@gmail.com.



Mixed fleet mark rounding in light wind

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.

MORRO BAY YOUTH SAILING FOUNDATION



- Helps to support youth sailing in our community.
- Raises funds for sailing equipment, grants, coaching, scholarships and regatta fees.
- Provides tax deductions for donors.
- Please donate online at www.mbysf.org or send check to MBYSF, P.O. Box 736, Morro Bay, CA 93443.

Thank you for your support!

SUMMER SAILING PROGRAM —Glenda Boatman

I would like to report to everyone that the SUMMER SAILING program is going very well. We have very full classes. Adults and children are having a worthwhile and fun learning experience. The instructors are doing an incredible job of teaching and providing a very safe program.

One of my most important duties as director of Summer Sailing is to let you know how great the teachers and program are. This year we have Rory and Shannon McClish who are returning and Nathan Hensinger assisting them. Their methods of teaching the valuable techniques of sailing are wonderful to watch.

Not only do they possess important knowledge of sailing, they have amazing skills of working with both children and adults. They are making learning such an enjoyable event. When you see them, please let them know that you are aware of the contribution they're making towards the respect and good feelings that relate to our club.





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HAPPY HOUR HOSTS— Jim & Rachelle Phillips

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.


- **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

- **August 2015**
- 7 Carlton & Deborah (Paes de Barros) Smith
Gary Raine
 - 14 Dick & Charlene Evans
Robert & Barbara Schwenoha
Mathew Piper
 - 21 Bob & Laurie Neumann
Joe & Donna Dervin
 - 28 Tom & Laurie Wright
Pat Hedges
Steve Borges

- **September 2015**
- 4 Jim & Yolanda Pederson
Stanley & Susan Craig
 - 11 John & Candace Kincade
Adriaan & Helma Smulders
 - 18 Lex & Lolo Budge
Brian Watson
Fay Zeeb
 - 25 Larry & Liz Salas
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IN MEMORIAM



It is with heartfelt sympathy that we report the passing of Carolyn Pye's longtime loving companion, Bob Catlett. On June 17th. Robert "Bob" Catlett Passed away at the age of 85. He spent seven years in the military before finding a love for working with stone which lead him to his chosen career of stone restoration. He came to California in the early 1970's as Superintendent of the stone restoration at the California State Capital in Sacramento. He also worked restoring the U.S. Mint in San Francisco, the Museum of Man in San Diego and, finally, Hearst Castle in San Simeon where he met Carolyn. Our sympathies to Carolyn.

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Commodore John Bodine and bride, Brooke

July 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
			1 Burger Night! 5:20PM-6:45PM	2	3 5:15PM Membership Hosts: Mal & Julie Towery Justin & Crystal Bradshaw	4  4th of July
5	6	7	8 6:30PM Rules Clinic Burger Night! 5:20PM-6:45PM	9	10 Hosts: Tim & Leah (Bailey) French John & Elaine (Grammi) Gaidos	11 Travel: High Sierra Regatta Huntington Lake— Cancelled
12 Travel: High Sierra Regatta—Cancelled 9:30 Juniors 	13	14	15 Burger Night! 5:20PM-6:45PM	16	17 Hosts: Tom & Maggie McEwen John & Kerry MacDonald	18 Travel: Keel Boats High Sierra Huntington Lake
19 Travel: Keel Boats High Sierra 9am Ocean Fleet Summer II 	20 6PM Basic Navigation	21  Board Meeting 6:15PM	22 Burger Night! 5:20PM-6:45PM	23	24 Hosts: Dave & Karen Brawatt Tom & Gail Riley	25 9:30 Bay Fleet Summer II  Inputs to Masthead due
26 9:30 Juniors 	27 6PM Basic Navigation	28	29 Burger Night! 5:20PM-6:45PM	30	31 Hosts: Patrick & Michele Gorey Andrew & Marjie Brown	