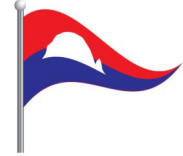


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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—John Bodine

Hello Sailors,

December is upon us and with it the conclusion of another year. As we were always admonished by our elders, “time passes faster the older you get”. At this time last year, I was just getting ready for what was to be one of the most memorable years in my life, and now it is all but a memory. Looking back over the past year I had the honor of attending several Opening Day ceremonies representing our yacht club. I also spent many enjoyable hours in conversation with long time members of our club. And it may sound strange, but it has been nice to be the person that many of you have come to with ideas and questions regarding club business, usually starting with “Got a minute?”



As the deadline drew near for this month’s submission to the Masthead, trying to correct my usual habit, as my Wife says, waiting until the last minute. I now went down the list of members yet to interview and could not pass up someone who was crucial in my becoming a sailor. As a high school student I began building a sailboat in the wood shop class. It was not a big boat, just twelve feet in length, but because I had never even been on a sailboat, it seemed large enough to me. After my senior year, it was ready to have the items that I could not build from scratch, such as how do you fasten a sail to the mast, what do you control the boom with, what is a main halyard? At that juncture, I walked into, somewhat sheepishly, a little shop across from what was and is the Morro Bay Yacht Club. That shop, Seacoast Marine, a chandlery and boat brokerage sat where the present kayak rental shop is today. Now imagine if you will, entering a car dealership to ask questions about an automobile and what options you would want on a car having never driven one. Oh, and add to that being a somewhat shy 18-year-old. I began explaining my boat, and not being acquainted with nautical terms did not help matters. The shop owner was great, helped me understand the mast track I needed and the cars to go with it, explained the main sheet set up, and got everything ordered. That person was Doug Riddell, now membership number 20 of our club. Doug had started sailing Sabots at the age of twelve in southern California. He soon moved up to a Pacific Cat, a forerunner to the Hobie 16 and on to crew on a 60 ft. yawl. By 1965 he was crew on a 187 ft schooner headed for the south pacific with cargo for scientific observation of the total eclipse. A very interesting group from all over the world had gathered on Heaves Island to observe the total eclipse. The schooner headed out in the morning of the anticipated event to launch a weather balloon which failed before launch, however due to cloud cover on the island the sailors were the only

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## FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Bodine Cont.

ones to see the total eclipse.

All this experience aided in taking on the training of a number of Sea Scouts sailing as captain on the schooner, Quasilila, here in Morro Bay. What a great impact the sailing community can have on young people and the club can be proud of members doing their part. Our summer sailing program has been the kick off of more than one life time of sailing enjoyment.

Although not planned I had a great conversation with our member Roger Marlin about his various sailboats. The construction of a beautiful Tahiti ketch from the keel up, the Sea Witch

ketch, he and wife, Victoria, owned and sailed with their children for many years. And a wonderful history years ago skippering the schooner Kelpie in races run by the Schooner Association of America. A few weeks back, a trophy showed up



at the club, and no one seems to know how it got there, but Roger identified it as a perpetual trophy for the Schooner Association and they would love to have it to restore and continue to award to race winners. So thanks to him it will be returned to use. Included at the bottom of this article is a picture of Victoria and Roger taken in front of the old yacht club about 1977 as they headed to Alaska delivering a yacht. Little did they know that in the future they would make the central coast home and join the yacht club, now member number 105.

Thanks to a vote by the Board of Directors the new stair climber will be installed soon. Steps will be replaced with more solid and safe construction, and members that felt the stairs were difficult can now join us as they wish. I think the Commodore's ball was a great success. I hope you had as much fun as we did. It has been a great year for me, I hope that in some small way I was able to make it memorable for you. I will continue to work toward the improvement of all things MBYC and some day hope to ask you "Got a minute?" *John Bodine, Commodore*

## DONATIONS—Gwenn Krossa



Want to double your donation? Your gift to the Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation could be matched dollar for dollar by your employer! Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees, retirees and/or employees' spouses. MBYSF is 501(c)3 public charity, FEIN# 45-

2901711, which supports youth sailing in our community. If you have any questions, please contact Gwenn Krossa, Treasurer atgwennkrossa@hotmail.com.

## 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 @ 805-235-0514

**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.

#### — December 2015

- 4 Karol Vogt  
Sharon Brooks  
David George  
Bill Austin
- 11 Peter & Jayne Behman  
Joe & Dawn Huntsinger
- 18 Ted & Iris Jacobson  
Jim & Christy Hoxter  
Ali Athari
- 25 No Host-BYOF

#### — January 2016

- 1 No Host (BYOF)
- 8 John & Terry Miron  
Don & Gail Phares
- 15 Dave & Sharon Bufo  
John & Cindy Konrad
- 22 Terry & Charlene Paris  
Dennis & Kerry Bailey
- 29 John & Nia Schmidt  
Paul & Marilyn Schmidt

#### — February 2016

- 5 John & Brooke (Townsend) Bodine  
Kent & Lois Butler
- 12 Judy (Adkison) & Rocky Setting  
Bill & Joyce (Hunter) Cockrill
- 19 Rick Paley & Holly Anderson  
Tyler & Sarah Mason  
Brian Granger
- 26 John & Judy Michener  
Rick & Corbie von Stein

## FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE — Todd Hansen

This is it, my last Masthead report as Vice Commodore. I have lot of people to thank for all their help this year. I will start with Bob Walker. Early in my watch I asked for help repairing a rotted fence post in the yard and Bob stepped forward. In true Bob Walker fashion, Bob thought about the problem carefully before diving in but he came up with a great solution to the problem in the end. I also need to thank my house committee for all their help and advice this year – Lynn Meissen and Jim Phillips in particular, but also Kevin Williams and Dana McClish. Dana was instrumental in obtaining our building permits for repairing the docks.

Mockup of new pile cap with file



An extra special thank you goes out to our Commodore John Bodine. I think very few Vice Commodores in the long history of the club could have been as fortunate as I to have someone like John with his unique skills, knowledge, and patience as an advisor and helper. When the year started I did not really know John that well but he quickly became that wise and trusted friend I could turn to.

My hope was that nothing major would break on my watch and I was so close. But the boat hoist decided to quit working. John Bodine spent a good part of two days trying to problem solve the issues. In the end we will be replacing the electric motor and the brake. I did not even know there was such a thing as a brake on an electric motor. Thanks to John, Wayne Ratliff, and Kevin Williams I am now much more knowledgeable about our boat hoist. Wayne did an outstanding job documenting the work he did in 2008 rebuilding the hoist, which has made my task possible. Hopefully it will be up and running by the time you read this.

The new dock piles, actually sleeves over the old piles, are in. The only thing missing to complete this phase of the project are the pile caps. They just arrived this week and I need to modify them to hold our unique flags that spell out Morro Bay.

As promised the deck piles jackets are coming soon also. Three of the deck piles were encased in concrete at some point in the past. Now we will do the same thing with the remaining three. Only a little different. A fiberglass jacket will be fitted around each of the piles in the area where they are weakest. The jacket will be sealed at the bottom and then a grout is pumped into the jacket. It will fill in all the areas of the pile that are missing and give us years more service from them.

We got a quote for new concrete stair treads on the exterior stair and the price is right on our budget as presented at the general meeting. We will be undertaking that job prior to installing the new chair lift on top of the newly refurbished stairs.

Thanks again to EVERYONE that pitched in to help me this year.

Please use this email address ([Mbyc.veep@gmail.com](mailto:Mbyc.veep@gmail.com)) for Vice business. Brett Cross will get the account to carry on in his new role as Vice Commodore next year. Maybe he will make it through the year without anything major breaking!



2008 Hoist Before Rebuild



2008 Hoist Rebuilt

*Todd Hansen, Vice Commodore*

## REAR COMMODORE - Brett Cross

### And the Winners Are:

#### Bay Fleet Race Results 2015

Hangover- Kevin Williams, Gail Condon  
 Wysocki Memorial- Patrick Gorey  
 Day Sailor Fleet Champs- Kevin Williams, Gail Condon  
 Winter Series -Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes de Barros  
 Commodore's Cup -Justin Bradshaw  
 Drumstick 2014 -Kevin Williams, Gail Condon  
 Jack Johnson -Joel Surfleet Junior Member  
 Laser Fleet Champion -Andrew Brown  
 Summer Series -Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes de Barros  
 Opening Day 2015 -Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes de Barros  
 Spring Series -Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes de Barros  
 Daysailer Invitational -Mike Gillum  
 Fall Series -Carlton Smith, Deborah Paes de Barros  
 Harbor Fest- Bob Walker, Simon Graves



#### Ocean Fleet Race Results 2015

Two Sticker- Lynn Meissen Guayacan  
 Winter Series- Lynn Meissen Guayacan (11 boats competing)  
 Founders Cup- John Krossa Fear Knot (Holder 20) 6 boats  
 Opening Day- John Krossa Fear Knot (Holder 20) 5 boats  
 Spring Series -John Michener, Whizbang (10 boats)  
 Lady at the Helm- Beauty J130 (5 boats)  
 Mullins Memorial- John Krossa Fear Knot (Holder 20) 4 boats  
 Summer Series- Lynn Meissen Guayacan (7 boats)  
 Devlin Series -John Michener Whizbang (7 boats- 2 new racers)

*Brett Cross, Rear Commodore*

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips

### *Membership Applications:*

I will be taking two membership applications to the December meeting of the MBYC Board for their approval. The applications of Orris and Patricia Cowgill (sponsored by Jeff Jones & Bob Neumann) and Craig and Polly (Nelson) Levin (sponsored by Bob Schwenoha & Terry Paris) have been before the Membership Committee and received its approval.

### *Roster Changes:*

Pat Hedges has moved to Las Vegas, Nevada.

### *Prospective Members:*

We have one prospective membership in the works that is in line to become the first membership of the new year. He is Chuck Losness being sponsored by Katy Crawford and Steve Nukes. Chuck has been involved in our small boat races and has a Gulfstar 37' sailing vessel which he may be wanting to race with the ocean racing crew. If you see Chuck say "Hi" and welcome them to MBYC.

*Jim Phillips, Membership Chair*

## COMMODORES BALL—Dot Rygh

A thank you to the members of the committee for the Commodore's Ball

Time to thank all the people who made the Commodore's Ball possible. A most important person of course, is the Commodore, John Bodine, who reserved Windows on the Water for the event and signed up the band. An excellent choice and a great band. His wife Brooke stood beside him and neither of them missed a committee meeting. Brooke handled the reservations with Windows and made all arrangements with a great venue and of course helped with many, many details. Thanks to Sharon Brooks and Glenda Boatman for the Masthead reservation form and notice. Treasurer Laurie Fiori did a great job with keeping the money and dinners and desserts straight for the 96 members who attended. Rachele Phillips ordered and organized the bullion's, officer name tags and flags for the installation of officers. She also found time to help Glenda and Donna Arozena with the table decorations and flowers; it really made the Restaurant look elegant and festive. Grace Huntsinger was again our photographer and spent a lot of time snapping pictures here and there and everywhere. Brooks Measures made everyone welcome and did a fantastic job as MC and kept the program moving so we could all dance the night away.

I wish to say job well done all and I enjoyed working with this great bunch of people.

*Dot Rygh, Committee Chairman*

## Order your 2016 Tide Calendar now!

- \* Order with PayPal or credit cards at: [www.mbyssf.org/saleitems.html](http://www.mbyssf.org/saleitems.html)
- \* \$20 Donation. All proceeds support sailing programs for local youth
- \* Monthly Tide Chart for Morro Bay!
- \* These sold out last year!
- \* Awesome local photos by club members and local photographers
- \* Calendars will be available for pick up at the Morro Bay Yacht Club in late Nov.



\* For questions: [info@mbysf.org](mailto:info@mbysf.org)

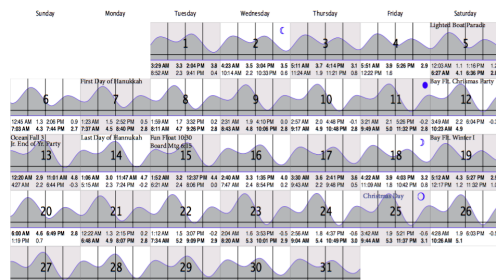
## Morro Bay Tides 2016



Photo: Linda McDonald, Bay Fleet

Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation

## December 2016



Not to be used for navigation!

COMMODORES BALL—November 21st



COMMODORES BALL—November 21st



## MBYC JUNIORS —Dave Hensinger



Left, Rebecca Wold, first time on a Laser. Right, picnic day

### Tide Calendar Sales Support Jr Sailing

The Morro Bay Youth Sailing Foundation directly supports the Juniors program at the club. There are still calendars available. In addition to tide information they also list races, juniors days, and other club events for 2016. They can be purchased at the MBYSF website ([mbysf.org](http://mbysf.org)), or stop by the club during happy hour.

### Past Meetings

The November first juniors meeting coincided with the switch onto standard time. The extra sleep must have helped the older juniors as the turnout was predominately Laser and FJ sailors. The light wind and moderate tide provided an excellent opportunity for Rebecca Wold to move up to sailing a Laser for the first time. In lieu of the November 15th meeting, which was cancelled due to rain, the juniors next met on November 22nd. Eight juniors turned out on a very warm day to find very little wind. With the generous support of Dana McClish who loaned some canoes, a mixed MBYC Jrs flotilla floated out with ebb tide and picnicked on the sand-spit opposite the rock, they then rode the flood tide back to the club. Although the wind was very light and the bay calm several boats were swamped just upon reaching the dock and a good deal of swimming ensued.

### Upcoming Meetings

The Juniors will meet for the end of year holiday party on December 13th at 2:00 PM. There will also likely be additional meetings scheduled for Dec. The Jrs are responsible for running the hang-over regatta on January 1st. There will be additional information on how this event comes together.

## FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

The pilings for the dock look great, but unfortunately we had to cancel our fun float while they worked on them. Maybe we should set 2 days a month and plan on at least one paddle to be okay. Let's vote at our next meeting. Our next paddle is Tuesday, December 15 at 10:30 for our White elephant gift exchange. Bring any odd, used funny or tacky item to the paddle. We will paddle, or have our exchange and lunch at the club if it rains (Election time also). *Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah*

## MISC NOTICES—Glenda Boatman and Lynn Meissen

### LIGHTED BOAT EVE—December 5th

For your snacking pleasure, we will have chili in the crockpots. Please feel free to contribute sides, such as salsa, cheese, sour crème, chips, cornbread, or maybe a dessert. Any questions, call Donna

### WEED YOUR BOAT AREA

Despite the recent rain, the weeds around and under your boats in the storage yard are still not well anchored nor abundant. This would be a good time for each of you to inspect and act as needed.



## History —Andrea Surfleet

There are pictures of beautiful boats, some fading, on the walls of the club house. Surely there are some wonderful memories to be found there. Before those memories fade, won't you please write and send me those stories? The early events that have come to define us were lovingly recorded many years ago. Those stories, now our history, continue below.

As noted last month, the Morro Bay Yacht Club was organized in 1956 for sailors, boaters and fishermen. Racing began and families camped on the sand spit. Club members were active in the early planning stages of the Harbor District and the Embarcadero, formed the local Coast Guard Auxiliary and oversaw the Sea Scout Ship.

Ken Jenkins, a charter member, recalled in 1996 that they helped to set and maintain the channel markers into the back bay. "Various yachties hornswoggled some eucalyptus poles from Baywood. Nobody hardly lived there, Los Osos hadn't been invented yet, and the eucalyptus forest didn't seem to be owned by anybody. We set out at LOW tide with our hand-sewn burgees flying and soon we had marked the channel with 'day beacons' of eucy poles clear around the Baywood Loop."

In 1959, the club bought a houseboat for \$500 that two Cal Poly students had built as cheap housing. At 16 feet wide and 22 feet long, it was small, but could hold a bar and a party when needed. Just a shoebox on pontoons, the club members built a surrounding walkway and attached wooden cleats. In the five years that it served as a club house, it was moored in five different free or not too illegal places along the waterfront.

The houseboat was entered in the lighted boat parade during the Rock-O-Rama on Labor Day weekends, the forerunner to the Harbor Festival. Once it was tricked out to be a sternwheeler with little smoke stacks and a fake paddle wheel rotating from the wake of hidden outboard motors.

Another year it carried the Rock-O-Rama Queen, who seemed to slowly float by on a throne of white, while below the well-lit, white-washed roof, the outboard operators dashed from stern to bow in the dark to ensure nothing was hit.



MBYC Clubhouse Boat, 1959-1964



With a place to call home, the yacht club gathered new members and began many of the traditions that we follow today. Suddenly, tragedy struck and the five-year era of the houseboat came to an end! What happened? Find out next month! Meanwhile, please send your comments, pictures, and stories to Andrea Surfleet at [mbyc.history@gmail.com](mailto:mbyc.history@gmail.com).

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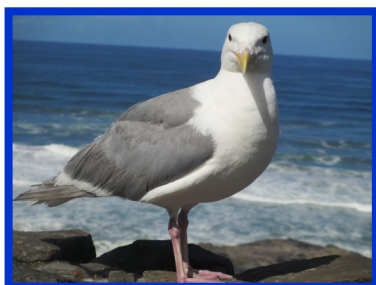
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Dec 2015							
	 Junior Races 9:30 AM	 Ocean Races Start: 12:00 NOON Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM	 Bay Races Start: 11:00 AM Skippers Meeting: 10:30 AM	Friday Happy Hour Hosts Serve Snacks and Tend Bar from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		1 6:30PM Rules Clinic	2	3	4 5:15PM Member- ship Committee Hosts: Karol Vogt Sharon Brooks David George Bill Austin	5 6:30PM Lighted Boat Parade	
6	7	8	9	10	11 Hosts: Peter & Jayne Behman Joe & Dawn Huestinger	12 5PM Bay Fleet Christmas	
10AM Ocean: Fall 3 2PM Jr YC End of Year 	13	14	15  Board Meeting 6:15PM 10:30PM Fun Float	16	17	18 Hosts: Ted & Iris Jacobson Jim & Christy Hunter Ali Adhari	19 9:30AM Bay Fleet Winter I 
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Hosts: No Host-BYOF  Christmas	26 Inputs to Newletter due	
27	28	29	30	1 New Year's Eve 