

MORRO BAY YACHT CLUB

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE—Todd Hansen

It's 2016 already and time to step up the role of Commodore. But I'm not ready yet! I'm still finishing up projects like the repair of the piles and rebuilding the exterior stairs in preparation for the new lift. Truth be told, I think I'm more comfortable dealing with projects than overseeing the club and all its activities. That's probably why I am behind in filling out committee positions. But thanks to our 2016 nominating committee I am blessed with an outstanding Board to make up for my shortcomings.

New on the Board this year we have Dave Hensinger in the role of Rear Commodore. Dave just finished two years as the Juniors' Advisor. My thanks to Dave for joining the Board without any time off between posts and thanks to his wife Kim for supporting him. Also new on the board this year will be Alaine Steuk as the Board Secretary. Alaine and her husband, Rich, are relatively new members of the club and I look forward to getting to know Alaine better in the coming year. Brett Cross is continuing on the board, now as Vice Commodore. Laurie Fiore is also continuing on the board as the Treasurer. Our directors are also the same, Ron Giddings and Lex Budge. I couldn't have asked for a better group to work with this year and I am thrilled with our 2016 board!

I am also excited with the volunteers that we have in some of our key positions this year. Stepping in to support our Juniors is Chris Surfleet. Chris sails both a Laser and a Day-sailer. For Chris, the memory

of learning to sail for the first time is not so long ago which should give him empathy while our newest sailors learn the ropes. Three of our most important posts will be filled by their current volunteers. Stanley and Susan Craig are staying on as Bar Stewards, Lynn Meissen is staying on as Port Captain, and Yvonne Lazear is continuing as the Masthead Editor.

Did you know that 2016 is the Morro Bay Yacht Club's 60th Anniversary year? The club is older than the City of Morro Bay, which was not



Commodore's Cup: Winner
Justin Bradshaw on his Laser

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Email to Yvonne Lazear

COMMODORE—Hansen Cont.

incorporated for another ten years. Did you know the tradition of celebrating a 60th anniversary came into popularity after Queen Victoria celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 1897? A sixtieth anniversary certainly seems worthy of some special recognition.

One of the posts that remains unfilled is the post of social coordinator. If no one person is willing to take on the role of coordinating the various social events at the club this year I hope to find individuals to take on a single event, Opening Day and Commodore's Ball being the biggest ones of the year.

Another post I need help filling is the Director of the Ship's Store. Since I have been a member the post has been held by someone who has singlehandedly keep the store open every Friday. I'd like to see that change this year so that the store is managed by a single person but staffed by a cadre of volunteers each staffing the store periodically on a regular schedule. No one person should feel like a hostage to the store. I'd also like establish a web store for MBYC merchandise and have some leads on how we can accomplish this without all the hassle of a typical web storefront.

Being that it is our sixtieth year, I want to continue the thread that John Bodine started last year and share in this column interviews with club members whose memories of events at the club reach back well beyond my own. This month would have been the ideal time to get started on that but I unfortunately have been having too much fun with broken hoists and other such distractions to plan far enough ahead and set up an interview prior to the deadline.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has expressed support for me in this new role this year. With your continued support, advice, and encouragement I hope to make our diamond jubilee one to remember.

Todd Hansen, Commodore

A THANK YOU

John and I would like to send out a big thank you to Lynn Meissen, and David and Nathan Hensinger for helping with transferring mooring lines, and moving a boat so we could access our new mooring with our new boat "Sea Glo." Thank you, thank you again!

John and Wendy Mitchell



Commodore's Cup: 2nd Place the Salas on their Lido

Looking for HAPPY HOUR HOSTS— contact Todd

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.

— January 2015

- 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
Ted & Iris Jacobson

— 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

— March 2016

- 4 Lee & Sue Drocco
Ken & Sandi Twist
Susan Wiley
- 11 David & Alicia Shinn
Brian & Marie (Sargent) Moore
Anne Miranda
- 18 Don & Glenda Boatman
Martin & Neli Mongin
- 25 Greg & Jennifer Barker
Tom Murphy
Steve Weaver

MEMBERSHIP NEWS—Jim Phillips***Member Resignation:***

Paul & Marilyn Schmidt notified me that they had, because of health issues, found it necessary to sell their boat, give up their mooring, and end their membership in the MBYC.

Roster changes:

Pat Rygh has a new email address.

Larry & Liz Salas have new phone numbers

New Members:

At their December meeting the MBYC Board approved the membership of the following two new members.

Orris & Pat Cowgill



and,

Craig & Polly (Nelson) Levin

***Prospective Members:***

To the January Board, we will have one prospective member, Chuck Losness, sponsored by Steve Nukes and Katy Crawford. In the pipeline to membership we have

Jason & Cinnamon Redd who are being sponsored by Rocky Setting, Judy Adkison, and Dana McClish.

2016 Roster:

Please check your current roster to see if all contact information is correct. If there are errors please email me the corrections. I hope to get the 2106 Roster out soon after the new Year.
jprp@charter.net

Happy New Year to you all!

Jim Phillips, Membership Chair

FROM YOUR VICE COMMODORE —Brett Cross

A fitting farewell to my reign as Rear Commodore as I looked longingly at the Club from the Baby Whaler as the rain beaded up on my rain pants and ran down into my socks. Good thing I had water proof hiking shoes on.

I had some notion that Rear Commodore would be easier than Galley Chief duties. I think I may have been slightly off. What I've learned though is that it takes a lot of help from fellow members to make it all work. It's nice to take the credit, especially if it goes right, but it's really all the members who volunteer their time that deserve most of the accolades.

Fortunately for me Todd Hansen has put into motion most of the major projects that will be completed in the upcoming months. The dock pilings are completed with only the piling caps with flags needed to be affixed. The deck piling replacement is in the works. The chair lift is actually ready to go once the new concrete steps get installed- more on that later. You may have noticed the safety fencing that has been installed in the hoist area. There is new motor for the hoist that needs installation but Todd has it.

When Tony Gomez was Vice Commodore he was told all he needed to do was make sure that there was a toilet paper in the women's restroom and everything else would take care of itself. How he was convinced of that I don't know. Although I did tell Ali Athari before he took on the Galley Chief duties, "Oh it's no problem, you basically need to make sure there are enough napkins, plates, and utensils for Happy Hour and do Burger Night in the Summer. It's easy".

So I'm now older and wiser and have a pretty good idea that my fantasy of just making sure there is enough toilet paper in the women's bathroom isn't reality. The first big project that needs to get done is going to be replacing the outside stairs with the new concrete treads so the chair lift can be installed. That's going to take some help from our construction enabled members. So don't be surprised when I ask you what you're doing on the weekend and if you'd like to hang out at the Club and maybe have some BBQ and a beer.

There are a couple of projects that would be nice to think about, one replacing some of the deck boards, two possibly being expanding the galley area a bit and three, thinking about replacing the tar-mac. Plus I'm fairly certain there will be other issues that arise. I'm just waiting for one of the refrigerators to stop refrigeration. Oh wait, that already happened with the refrigerator at the bar, so one of the other ones.

Fortunately Todd says he bought a pallet of toilet paper so I should be good.

Brett Cross, Vice Commodore



Order your 2016 Tide Calendar now!

- * Order with PayPal or credit cards at: www.mbysf.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
- * For questions: info@mbysf.org

REAR COMMODORE - Dave Hensinger

The first Masthead article of a new officer is perhaps the easiest to write, as at least some self-introduction is required. When I was a student, there was a cartoon circulated with the caption: "For jeers ago I culdnit evin spel "Engineer" and now I ar wun". Well, four years ago I was welcomed to participate as a non-member in club activities, and now I am honored to be a member and to be allowed to serve the club as Rear Commodore. This is especially true since some time ago it was pointed out to me by a staff commodore that Rear Commodore was the most important position in the club. With my limited experience I would agree that the racing is important, but I would instead like to nominate Active Member as the most important position in the club.

My wife, Kim Shollenberger, and I are transplants from Pennsylvania via New Mexico. We have two sons, Nathan (15) and Caleb (22). Both Kim and I are mechanical engineers. Kim is a professor at Cal Poly while I telecommute to Albuquerque. Nathan sails with the junior program, worked as a sailing instructor, and trades off skippering and crewing with me on our DaySailer Zopilote. Caleb plays organ in a gospel church and gigs on keyboard and trumpet around Boston. To keep fit, Kim competes in triathlons and runs half marathons, but she is very supportive of Nathan's and my sailing tendencies.



For the last two years it was my pleasure to serve as the advisor to the Junior Yacht Club. This was an excellent way to get to know the club members and officers. The junior members are also a great conduit for new club members, the current Commodore and the new Junior Advisor (Chris Surfleet), both entered the club through association with the Junior's program.

The sign-up sheet for PROing 2016 bay fleet races is nearly full, but there will be lots of opportunities for any else who wants to help out with racing. I will be sending out reminders a week or so before races to the PROs to refresh their memories. It will be the PRO's responsibility (with my help) to arrange safety boat drivers and any additional deck help. Everyone should keep in mind that while we may strive for perfection on the water and on the deck, we are all amateurs playing around in boats.

During December racing was limited to Bay Fleet Winter 1 and Ocean Fleet Fall 3. The heartiest of hearty bay fleet members (5 boats) set off in the rain on December 10th for Winter1 PRO'd by Dot and Pat Rygh with Brett Cross manning baby whaler. The first race started in light rain, light wind, and mercifully light tidal flow. The course was shortened after the first loop around C and E with the finish at 14. Carlton Smith took first. After a short postponement the weather cleared and a fitful breeze developed. The next two races featured downwind starts, some very close racing, and heated debating. Carlton Smith took first in each. Final results Carlton Smith 1st, Terry Paris 2nd, Bob Walker 3rd, Nathan Hensinger 4th, Patrick Gorey 5th.

The next day the ocean fleet motored out of the mouth of the bay into light and inconsistent conditions. After a slow start things didn't really pick up that much. It took the first finisher "Whizbang" a little over 3 hours to cover the 10nm course. The corrected results were: "Whizbang" 1st, followed by "Pangaea", then "Guayacan" and making her ocean race debut "Jessie Marie".

Coming up on January first is the Hangover Regatta. It will be PRO'd by the Jr. Yacht Club. Bay Fleet's Winter II is scheduled on January 16th. The Ocean Fleet again races in Winter 1 on January 10th.

Dave Hensinger, Rear 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 at tgwennkrossa@hotmail.com.

BAY FLEET CHRISTMAS PARTY—Dec 12th



MBYC JUNIORS —Chris Surfleet

The MYBC Juniors celebrated their holiday party on December 8th. It was an opportunity to celebrate the year's accomplishments, have some fun, and think about the year to come.

Joel Surfleet received the 2015 Junior of the Year award for his solid Optimist and Laser sailing and race results. Joel won the Jack Johnson Race this year and was runner-up in the Chris Lockwood Junior Regatta. Joel also raced a Laser in the Goblin Regatta in Santa Barbara last fall. Joel plans to continue as an active junior member next year to enjoy more sailing and help mentor new junior sailors!

David Hensinger received a sailing jacket for his stellar two years of service as the junior adviser. Dave did a fantastic job, all of the young sailors and their parents were very appreciative of his efforts.

Kit Lockwood once again produced and MC'd a nautical themed Jeopardy game that had the two teams of Juniors puzzling out Port/Starboard/Windward/Leeward rights of way. David provided a photo and video montage of the year's fun and a challenging scavenger hunt. Everyone enjoyed snacks organized by Andrea Surfleet and Shawn Wilde.

The year to come: The next Juniors' day on the bay is January 17th 2016 with the focus on preparation for the Big Rock Regatta in March.

Finally, allow me to introduce myself as the new Junior advisor: my name is Chris Surfleet, my son Joel, has been a junior member for 3 seasons now. My wife Andrea is the Club Historian and will be assisting me with administering the Junior Sailing. I learned to sail here at Morro Bay only 3 years ago by weaving and dunking myself through the harbor. Now I do not dunk myself as much and hope to pass my enthusiasm for sailing and boating to the local youth. I can be reached at mybc.jrs@gmail.com.



Joel Surfleet 2015 Morro Bay Junior Yacht Club "Junior of the Year" presented by outgoing Junior Advisor, David Hensinger

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FUN FLOAT—Dot Rygh

Welcome to the New Year for all our Fun Floaters out there. Your re-elected Grand Poo Mah will set up the dates and e mail reminders to the paddlers who wish to be reminded. If you are not on my last year's address list, please e mail me to be included at: dot2@theryghs.com. Our first paddle will be January 14 at 10:30 AM. Meet at the club with a light lunch and hope it doesn't rain. It has been great to have several days of rain this season, but if it does rain we will cancel the paddle.

The February Paddle will be Thursday, February 25 at 10:30. I will try to set up the calendar for paddling in the Masthead at least one month ahead, so you can schedule those appointments on other days. Happy New Year of Paddling to All

Dot Rygh, Grand Poo Mah

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January 2016




Dec 5th Lighted Boat Parade

Jan 2016



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
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 8am Hangover Bay Race 5:15pm Membership, No Host Happy Hr	2
3	4	5 6:30pm Rules Clinic	6	7	8	9
10 12am Winter I Ocean 	11	12	13	14 10:30am Fun Float	15	16 12am Winter II Bay Race 
17 12am Juniors 	18 Martin Luther King	19  6:15pm Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 Inputs to Newsletter due	26	27	28	29	30
31 12am Juniors 	1	2 6:30pm Rules Clinic	3	4	5 5:15pm Membership	6